

"Give My Regards to Trailwork!"

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Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, Members: Please know I do not take this bill or hearing lightly, that said, with all due respect, here's my "upbeat," or rather, up-a-beat, testimony.

In support of SB 1593 / HB 4071 / ORCA* Act

The "Let's Keep Oregon's Trails Alive and Well" Bill

(*Oregon Recreation Commerce and Affordability Act)

Verse 1

Give my regards to Trailwork,
And every muddy tread and grade,
Tell those great volunteer trail crews and clubs
We won't let their work just fade.
Tell all the sawyers and the diggers,
Hauling gravel up the hill,
We're standing up for the ORCA Act,
The "Let's Keep Oregon's Trails Alive and Well" Bill!



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Chorus

Give my regards to Trailwork,
To every volunteer out there,
Swinging Pulaskis at first light
In the cool, mist-heavy air.
From guiding kids to summit views
To bike parks where we fly,
We back the ORCA act and its bills
So our trails and dreams don't die.

Verse 2

Remember Bagley at Mt. Bachelor,
How that ruling changed the game,
Made our waivers weak and shaky,
Put our small guides under strain.
Now premiums climb like switchbacks,
Insurers leaving town,
Without this fix, the very trails we love
Could be shuttered, closed, shut down.

Chorus

Give my regards to Trailwork,
To the folks who clear the fall,
From wind-thrown logs to washed-out turns,
They answer every call.
Nonprofits, youth programs, ski hills,
All need a shield as well,
We're singing out for the ORCA Act,
Let's Keep Oregon's Trails Alive and Well.

Bridge

It's not about gross negligence,
We'll still hold bad actors to task,
But when we choose the rocky line,
We know the risks we ask.
Like every Western state around us,
We need waivers that can stand,
So volunteers and local shops
Can keep tending this wild land.

Verse 3

Give my regards to trailheads,
Where families lace their boots,
Where new climbers tie their figure-eights
And bike kids test their roots.
If we lose these fragile programs
To a broken legal frame,
Then Oregon's bright recreation heart
Will never beat the same.

Final Chorus

Give my regards to Trailwork,
The unseen hands of every mile,
From dunes and rivers to lava fields,
They carve this place with style.
As we lift our voices in Salem,
Let every lawmaker hear the swell:
"We stand behind the ORCA Act
Let's Keep Oregon's Trails Alive and Well!"

Let's "Sing" this Bill Forward! Respectfully Sung and Submitted,

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