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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Commerce and General Government

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1593

Support SB 1593

Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dave Slover, I am the owner of Alder Creek Kayak & Canoe. Our organization is dedicated to promoting outdoor recreation, education and participation in paddle sports. We provide service to over 10,000 people each year who enjoy Oregon's beautiful outdoors with us.

Balanced liability policy is essential to our mission and operations. It enables us to offer programs and experiences that benefit Oregonians by providing clarity and fairness in risk management. When liability is properly balanced, organizations like ours can focus on delivering quality services without fear of excessive legal exposure.

The absence of enforceable liability waivers has created significant challenges for our business. It increases costs (our insurance rates have tripled in the past 4 years) and restricts access (we have cut out all high adventure activities). We currently have insurance but can only find one insurer willing to write our coverage. If they back out, we will have to stop offering services all together as we are required by the government entities where we provide services to have insurance coverage.

SB1593 and HB4071 provide clarity and return Oregon to being on par with our neighbor states in honoring liability waivers for ordinary negligence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dave Slover

Alder Creek Kayak and Canoe