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The liability insurance industry in this state is broken. Outdoor recreation, by its nature, includes certain risks that the consumer must be aware of.

Ordinary negligence is not the standard that is taken nationally within the recreation industry. Many critical providers of goods and services, such as our ski areas, IRONMAN, and more will be forced to look elsewhere to host events, etc. if this continues. There is a single insurance provider willing to provide coverage and is charging such exorbitant rates that our ski hills will be forced to face other cost-cutting measures, which is counter productive to the point here.

This bill does not remove tort liability from these resorts. Gross negligence, recklessness, etc. will still be perils that recreation operators will face. But we must move forward so our recreation industry can continue to thrive.