



“RE: SB 1593 SUPPORT
Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and members of the committee,”

[your statement]

- Who you are and who you represent
- Why balanced liability policy matters to your mission, operation, or lifestyle
- How the lack of enforceable waivers negatively affects the culture of Oregon, increases costs, limits access, affordability, or your programming
- Support for aligning Oregon with other western states and federal policy ([The Explore Act of 2024](#))
 - Waivers are a very normal and widely accepted part of life. The legislature doesn't need to overcomplicate things.
- Support for the state to conduct an economic study to better quantify this enormous economic sector.

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My Name is Mick Pearson, I represent Kaf Adventures an outdoor education and adventure travel company that hosts climbing, skiing, and provide avalanche education on Mt. Hood. We are 1 of 2 companies that provide access to climbing in the wilderness areas of Mt. Hood. We need balanced liability protection for our operations. Having a loop hole where our normal protections do not work put me and my staff at risk. It also affects our ability to gain insurance. Please note that Mt. Hood is the 2nd most climb mountain in the world behind Mt. Fuji. If we were unable to operate, the hospitality industry near Mt. Hood would suffer. We at Kaf Adventures are in support of aligning Oregon with other western states and federal policy ([The Explore Act of 2024](#)) Waivers are a very normal and widely accepted part of our industry and should be enforceable in Oregon State. The legislature doesn't need to overcomplicate things.

Thank you for bringing this along!

Sincerely,

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