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Testimony in support of SB 1593

- Since 2014, Oregon court rulings have invalidated liability waivers, driving insurance losses, skyrocketing premiums, and higher costs for consumers.
- Lack of waiver efficacy has resulted in fewer affordable, accessible recreation opportunities for Oregon families and visitors.
- ORCA is common-sense reform that supports well-managed recreation providers and promotes personal responsibility.
- ORCA aligns Oregon with the rest of the Western US.
- ORCA does NOT provide blanket immunity or remove constitutional rights.
- Recreation is vital to Oregon's economy, culture, and quality of life.
- ORCA has bipartisan support with 18 legislative co-sponsors from across the state.
- Without action, Oregon faces higher costs, reduced offerings, and lost recreation access.
- Rural communities, jobs, and families dependent on tourism are at risk.