

**Submitter:** Ben Bansen  
**On Behalf Of:** Rogue Rafting Company, Southern Oregon  
**Committee:** Senate Committee On Judiciary  
**Measure, Appointment or Topic:** SB 1593

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Ben Bansen, and I am the owner of Rogue Rafting Company in Southern Oregon. I strongly support SB 1593 because small outdoor recreation businesses like mine need fair and reasonable liability protections to continue operating.

We provide guided rafting trips on the Rogue River, bringing tourism, jobs, and economic support to rural communities. However, rising insurance costs and legal uncertainty are making it harder for small outfitters to stay in business, even when guests understand and accept the inherent risks of outdoor recreation.

SB 1593 would create a fair legal framework that protects responsible recreation providers while allowing us to continue offering safe outdoor experiences. This bill is essential to the future of small outfitters and rural tourism in Oregon.

I respectfully urge you to support SB 1593.

Sincerely,  
**Ben Bansen**  
Owner  
Rogue Rafting Company