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On Behalf Of: Lucky Landings Guide Service
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1517

Chair Floyd Prozanski
Senate Judiciary Committee
Salem, Oregon

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee,

My name is Heather Harter, and I am a part owner of Lucky Landings Guide Service in southern Oregon. I am writing in opposition to SB 1517 as amended by the -6 or -7 amendments and in support of SB 1593.

Beyond running a fishing charter business with my family, I also lead women-focused outdoor experiences that introduce new participants to fishing and ocean recreation. Many of the women who come on our trips are first-time anglers and some are overcoming fear, others simply trying something new.

Access matters.

Outdoor recreation builds confidence, strengthens families, supports mental health, and connects people to Oregon's natural beauty. But that access becomes fragile when insurance instability forces small operators to scale back, raise prices, or close entirely.

We have felt the strain of rising liability premiums and uncertainty firsthand. It impacts what we can charge and how we plan for the future.

SB 1593 provides reasonable protection for ordinary negligence while preserving accountability for gross negligence and misconduct. That balance is critical. It protects consumers while giving small operators like us the predictability we need to continue offering safe, guided experiences.

SB 1517, even as amended, does not solve the core insurance instability we are facing.

When policies become unpredictable, it is not corporations who feel it first; it is small family businesses and rural communities.

I urge you to support SB 1593 so Oregon families, women, veterans, and first-time adventurers can continue accessing safe and affordable outdoor experiences.

Thank you for your time and your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
Heather Harter
Part Owner
Lucky Landings Guide Service