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## Rate Review Extension Request

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Wed, Feb 28, 2024 at 11:15 AM

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Cc: Christopher Carey <CCarey@recology.com>, Jackie Ortega <JOrtega@recology.com>, Katie Hardesty <KHardesty@recology.com>

Good morning,

I hope you are well. As you know, Recology experienced a cybersecurity incident in November 2023, which caused some systems and applications to be temporarily unavailable.

Our IT team, with help from employees throughout the company, including here in Oregon, have worked continuously and diligently over the last few months to restore all systems. We continue to work through our system restoration in a deliberate and thoughtful manner, with the guidance of external experts who do this type of work all the time.

As a result, we are writing to ask for an extension on the rate review process for this year. Normally, and as articulated in most of our franchise agreements, Recology would submit our rate review report, a cover letter, third party audit, and proposed rates by April 1st. We are unable to meet that deadline this year and would like to seek a minimum 30-day extension of the rate review deadline. This would impact the scheduling of any rate-related meetings with your elected bodies and also push out any new rate effective dates should a rate increase be warranted.

We understand and acknowledge that this may impact your internal budget process and timelines, and so please know that we do not ask for this extension lightly.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Dan

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**Action Alert - Contact Your Senator to Restore Recreational Immunity**

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**ACTION ALERT**



**Action Alert:**  
**Contact Your Senator to Support  
Recreational Immunity Bill**

The League needs you to reach out to your **STATE SENATOR** and ask them to support amendments to SB 1576 that add **RUNNING, WALKING and BIKING** to the definitions of recreational immunity. Legislation to restore recreational immunity has been introduced for consideration with that language but competing amendments have also been filed. Currently the -3 amendments to SB 1576 contain that language and address the League's immediate concern and will result in CIS rescinding their advice to close trails. Other elements of the bill create a sunset on the protection to allow for a more in-depth consideration of the issue to take place ahead of the long legislative session in 2025. **The League believes a temporary solution to keep trails open and longer conversations to craft a durable long-term solution is reasonable.** Please call, email or text your state senator immediately to ask them to ensure cities and other land owners can allow recreation free of charge without fear of liability!

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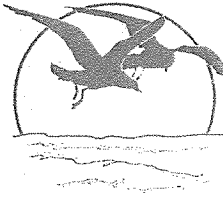
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Senator Suzanne Weber  
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Dear Senator Weber

I am writing to express my strong support for amendments to SB 1576 that would include running, walking, and biking within the definitions of recreational immunity. As a member of the community, I believe it is crucial to protect the rights of individuals to engage in outdoor activities without fear of liability.

I understand that there are competing amendments to SB 1576, but I urge you to consider the 3 amendments, which address the League's immediate concerns and would prevent the closure of trails. By adding running, walking, and biking to the scope of recreational immunity, this legislation would allow cities and other landowners to provide recreational opportunities to the public without facing unnecessary legal risks.

Furthermore, I appreciate that the bill includes a sunset provision, which will enable more comprehensive discussions to occur before the long legislative session in 2025. This temporary solution will help keep trails open while allowing for meaningful dialogue to craft a durable, long-term solution.

As your constituent, I believe it is essential to support measures that promote outdoor-recreation and protect the interests of our community members. I urge you to take action by supporting the amendments to SB 1576 and ensuring that cities and landowners can continue to offer recreational activities free of charge without the threat of liability.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing your support for this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "S".

Gearhart Mayor Kerry Smith