

The Shelton Conservation Commission supports the passage of SB 831, "An Act Concerning Municipal Liability for Recreational Activities on Certain Open Space Lands."

We would also like to ensure that utility properties currently open to the public, such as water company lands and hydroelectric facilities, are also fully protected from liability, as these landowners currently afford our residents with additional recreational opportunities.

In the past fifteen years, Shelton volunteers have created eleven miles of trails so that residents can enjoy our open space. However, court cases during that time have jeopardized our trail program with potential liability should someone who injures themselves on the trail be determined to file suit. This situation should be rectified so that lands remain open to the public.

Thank you for allowing us to comment.

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