

I am:
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I am writing in support of passage of:

- S.B. 43: AN ACT EXPANDING THE RECREATIONAL LAND USE ACT;
- S.B. 90: AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECREATIONAL LAND USE ACT;
- H.B. 5254: AN ACT EXPANDING THE RECREATIONAL LAND USE ACT.

I AM ON THE COLUMBIA OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE AND ON THE TOWN'S TRAILS COMMITTEE, AND HAVE WORKED FOR YEARS TO ACQUIRE LAND AND OPEN IT TO PUBLIC RECREATIONAL USE. THE CURRENT TOWN FEAR OF LIABILITY SUITS IS CURTAILING BOTH ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PUBLIC LANDS. PLEASE RETURN THE SAME PROTECTION TO MUNICIPALITIES THAT IS GIVEN TO PRIVATE LAND OWNERS WHO OPEN THEIR LANDS FOR RECREATIONAL USE.

THANK YOU,
JOAN HILL