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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

A Resolution Expressing Support for Updating the Skiing Activities; ORS 30.970 to 30.990

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-005

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WHEREAS, at least 68% of Oregon residents participate in outdoor recreation each year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that outdoor recreation generates \$955 million in state and local revenue; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 141,000 direct Oregon jobs are provided by the winter recreation industry; and

WHEREAS, average annual visits to Oregon ski resorts are 2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, there have been significant changes in skiing activities and operations at ski areas since ORS 30.970 to 30.990 was enacted in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Deschutes County recognizes the important contribution of winter recreation activities to the economy and associated lifestyles in Deschutes County and Central Oregon; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of protection for winter recreation participants and the economy, the Board of Commissioners for Deschutes County supports revising the Skiing Activities statute (ORS 30.970 to 30.990); now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON, as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. Deschutes County is supportive of current efforts at the Legislature to update/revise ORS 30.970 to 30.990 in a manner that (a) adds and defines "Freestyle Terrain" to account for features built for skiers and snowboarders by trained resort staff; (b) outlines dangers of venturing within ski area boundaries, but not on groomed trails; and (c) updates ORS to reflect changes to the participant responsibility code.

<u>Section 2</u>. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Dated this of, 2016	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON
	ALAN UNGER, Chair
ATTEST:	TAMMY BANEY, Vice Chair
Recording Secretary	ANTHONY DEBONE, Commissioner