SUPPORT HB2041/SB807

Topic: Improving public access to walking trails on private land/conservation easement by clarifying limited liability of the landowner.

Bill Patron: House: Shin; Senate: Favola

Overview:
Landowners are reluctant to grant public access across lands without protection of the explicit limits to liability. The current code limits liability to Gross Negligence and applies to hiking, biking, horse riding, etc. These bills clarify that walking is included.

Reasons to support:
- Encourages development of pedestrian access across private land and conservation easements to improve connectivity and more equitable access to open space.
- Protects landowners who are providing access from more stringent liability.
- Improves access to insurance for landowners and trail managers.