

Chair McKeown, members of the committee, my name is Priscilla and I am representing myself and my boyfriend Jacob. We are both recreational kayakers from Albany. We paddle in the vicinity of 100 days every year, most of them on Oregon's waterways. We oppose HB 2320 for the following reasons:

- We wear a life jacket every time we go on the water; we don't support a two-million dollar program focused on requiring inner tubers to wear life jackets when inner tubers are not required to pay fees but non-motorized boaters would be.

- We do not believe the Marine Board, a group that believes rivers have "channels like you would find on a highway" is qualified to develop access and facilities that benefit non-motorized boaters; we view rivers as a trail, not a highway.

- While the \$12 annual cost is modest, the hassles of securing yet another permit to recreate results in additional barriers to getting outside to enjoy outdoor recreation. This will discourage others from visiting our state for non-motorized boating.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of HB 2320 today.