

Dear Oregon Representatives,

I am writing you as an Oregon resident who is opposed to HB 4099 & HB 4138 & need your support to stop these bills from getting passed.

I have been an avid boat enthusiast since I was in grade school and spent time on my Aunt and Uncle's boat. Since 1993, my husband & I have owned 6 boats and have passed our boating passion down to our daughter, family, friends, other young children. We solidified our dream 16 years ago when bought waterfront property on the Willamette River in Wilsonville.

We spend ¼ of the year on the water and/or on our dock. Time on water not only includes watersports, but swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking & fishing. We have met a number of wonderful friends through the water community. Boating and watersports is a family event. It offers a fun physical exercise that is both competitive and friendly. It removes people from hours of electronics like TV & video games & non-social interactions. It deeply concerns me that someone or group is trying to take this away by passing these two laws.

I am very frustrated and appalled that as a riverfront owner we were not informed of these proposed bills, but had to learn about it through social media.

Not only will these bills have a negative physical & mental impact, but they will also have a huge financial impact personally and to our community. If these bills pass, our property and assets will be devalued. Plus, make it extremely hard to sell. In addition, the cost of watersports gear will be unusable to their designed purpose. Businesses in Wilsonville & neighbor hooding towns will lose revenue as a result of these bills if they get passed (for ex: restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, marinas, boat dealers, retailers etc).

On another note, we have NOT experienced any erosion or dock damage due to boat waves. Like all assets we own, minimum wear & tear has naturally occurred but with do diligence of upkeep & maintenance we have no complaints. As waterfront property owners we knew the risk of this natural wear & tear and take full responsibility for any expenses we occur for upkeep. This is a small price to pay for the benefits & opportunity of living on the river.

I ask you as lifelong Oregon resident to stop these bills.

Thank you,  
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