

NO on HB 4099 & HB4138

Dear Committee Members,

I am a Willamette Riverfront Homeowner in Aurora near the Butteville Store. I have a boat as well as a dock on the river.

I have enjoyed boating on this stretch of the Willamette that has been proposed for this ban since I was a child. My children have grown up enjoying boating on the Willamette. This Willamette River is a treasure for family boating activities.

I am extremely opposed to both of these bills that are trying to restrict the type of boats that can be used on the river. Restricting certain boats or their particular performance features is discriminatory and does not address the real problem that proponents of this bill seem to be concerned about.

Safety is always a concern and should be addressed through education. There are multiple ways to get the word out on proper boating safety and etiquette. Education is the long term answer to any safety concerns. Banning particular boats is discriminatory, short sighted, and does not effectively address the issue.

My family and friends spend most sunny days on my dock and I have never felt unsafe. Waves come to shore from passing fishermen, people just out cruising the river, water skiers, surfers, wake boarders, and tubers. My boat is moored at my dock the entire summer without the use of a lift. I tie my boat up with bumpers and proper slack in the line and have never had a cleat pulled out due to wave activity. All of these very different types of boaters are out enjoying the river and should be able to continue to do so.

I have attended several OSMB advisory group meetings over the summer and OSMB is already working on this issue.

In closing I thank you for the hard work you do for Oregon and urge you not to support these bills.

Sincerely,

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