

Opposed to HB 4099 and HB 4138

Chair McLain & Committee Members House Transportation Committee
Oregon State Legislature 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301
Subject Matter: HB 4099 and HB 4138

Dear Chair McLain & House Committee Members:

My name is Rob Beasley, and I spent my childhood and young adulthood dreaming of living on the upper Willamette. After years of hard work, I achieved that goal in 2001. My family and I have lived on the river for nearly 17 years. I have leveraged our river home to make sure my daughter and her friends want to be here all summer. Even as she's nearly an adult, she still loves it here and continues to prioritize spending time here. The river and the watersports we participate in are the heart of our family.

I was involved in the 2009 decision that moved wake enhancing devices south towards Newberg between the Highway 219 bridge and beyond.

It not only astonishes me, but it truly embarrasses me as a leader in our community to hear so many of my neighbors and fellow boaters putting their self interest ahead of the sacrifices made by their neighbors just to live here, let alone maintain a dock and a boat. It truly saddens me that folks just down the road from my family and I are too ignorant to see the joy, unity, and blessings that watersports can bring to families. I see Ray and Candy Klupenger have forgotten to mention they own a 45 foot yacht that throws off a 4-5 foot wake as they cocktail past my house, and yet they claim they detest large boats. They also seem to have forgotten to mention the fact that wakeboarding was one of the greatest things that ever happened to their grandson Jeffery. Oops! They also fail to mention that their son Dan drives his 50 foot cigarette boat past our house at highway speed. I hope that the decisions made regarding these house bills result in the ability for everyone to enjoy the river together and recreate as they please.

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