

February 14, 2018

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:

I am once again writing to oppose HB4099 as it is currently written on the following basis:

- The Marine Board has already reopened rule making for the entire state regarding the issue of wakes and safe distances for operation, and it should be given an opportunity to do their job (one that the boaters pay for directly).
- HB4099 only addresses the Willamette River so it targets “us” as riverfront homeowners and the only “useable” waterway in the metropolitan area for watersports.
- HB4099 as redrafted is going to appoint a taskforce to review the issues and submit a report with recommendations to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment and natural resources by 9/15/19. The problem lies in the makeup of this taskforce. 10 members (5 from the House and 5 from the Senate). The House will appoint one of its members, one shoreline property owner, one environmental organization member, one watersports industry member and one boat owner (this could be a 5HP boat). The Senate will do the same except appoint one of its own members. When this all affects us as riverfront homeowners probably more than anyone from an economic standpoint, why are there only going to be two of us on the taskforce with no guarantee that you appoint 1 from each side of the argument.

HB4099 is too loosely written to allow for proper representation from either side of the argument. Fair and equitable language must be part of HB4099. The right thing to do is to allow the Oregon State Marine Board to do their job to manage Oregon’s waterways as it relates to boats and surrounding conflicts.

Best regards,

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