

Senator Lee Beyer and members of the committee, first let me apologize for not being able to send this to you sooner but I was only notified by the OLIS system yesterday of today's public hearing. I am submitting this written testimony for your consideration on House Bill HB4138 which was filed along with HB4099. My wife and two daughters have owned our river front property for over 15 years and have recreated on this stretch of the Willamette River for over 40 years.

For the record, we live less ¼ mile from the largest only County owned marina and boat ramp off of Interstate 5. For the years we have owned our property and dock we have not experienced any summer erosion or dock damage that would be attributed to boating activities in our area. This is the highest use area on the Upper Willamette river also known as so some as the Newberg pool.

Erosion and dock damage has only occurred during the winter months when the river levels and flow are at their highest. This is mother nature at work and what created this river in the first place. There is no need to spend limited Oregon State general fund resources studying this fact.

We have a dock and boat and are avid water sport enthusiasts who share our passion and river access with family, friends and those less fortunate through various non-profit organizations such as Wake the World. Wake the World sponsors events around the United States benefiting foster kids and their families and Camp Agape mission to relieve suffering by providing stability and hope to at-risk youth ages 5-18, specifically youth with an incarcerated parent.

For more information on these wonderful programs I encourage you to take a few minutes and see what happens when we come together for the greater good of others.

In 2018, there will be more than 50 Wake the World events in 28 states + Canada, over 500 boats and countless volunteers over the next year!!!

<http://www.waketheworld.org/>

Camp Agape

<https://agapeyouthoregon.com/>

Please view the Video of last year's event at Foster Lake put on by Wake Board boat owners from around the state. If you don't have time to watch the entire video please forward to the 1 minute mark.

[https://videos.files.wordpress.com/6LP226DE/agape-salem-2017\\_dvd.mp4](https://videos.files.wordpress.com/6LP226DE/agape-salem-2017_dvd.mp4)

The Oregon State Marine Board in support its mission to

<https://marineboard.wordpress.com/2017/08/03/wake-the-world-oregon-making-waves-and-making-a-difference/>

I am requesting you stop House Bill 4138 and 4099 from moving forward and focus your valuable time and State resources on issues and needs requiring new laws. The Oregon State Marine board is well underway to establish new rules that will allow for safe and effective use of Oregon waterways for all Oregonians.

I respectfully request you to let the OSMB do their job. Oregon State Marine Board Director, Larry Warren, has testified and committed to uphold the universal right of the public to navigate and use the waters of the state for boating (ORS 830.175, OSR 830.195, OAR 250-001-0050).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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