

I oppose house bill 2351.

As a boater and heavy user of the Willamette River I think this house bill is absolutely ridiculous. Boat wakes do not interfere with the shoreline and docks- the river rising 30-40 feet in the winter months and giant logs floating down the river running into and ruining everything in their path are the things causing damage to the shoreline and docks. Shorelines of rivers change throughout the years, that is a fact.

The Marine Board just did a study on the energy of boat wakes and how they affect the shore and docks and discovered that there is minimal effect. They also just made new rules and regulations regarding boating and the distances between them and docks, so to now try to add more regulations is absurd.

This is a public waterway made for the public to use for all water sports.

Thank you for your consideration,

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