

**Testimony in Support of HB 2351  
February 14, 2019**

**Chairman Witt, Members of the committee**

**Protection of the Willamette River has been a concern of the citizens of Oregon since the early 1970's. Memorable actions then included Tom McCall Waterfront Park in Portland.**

**Currently we have issues further upstream of that park concerning soil and bank erosion that impacts the stability of the shore line, wildlife habitat and overall health of this iconic river in Oregon.**

**The OSMB has stated in the past that they -and I quote Chairman Early "the board can not address erosion issues". (OSMB meeting minutes, Jan 10, 2018, page 6, paragraph 3).**

**The other agencies sharing responsibility for protection of the river, DSL, Parks and Rec, Soil and Water Conservation DO NOT have an ability to control enhanced wake producing activities on the river and the one agency that does have the ability to influence the erosion that may be due to this enhanced wake energy does not have any ability to consider such damage. This results in a bureaucratic paralysis and likely unrecoverable damage in the Willamette Greenway.**

**Clearly good scientific studies of this specific issue are needed and should be encouraged, however we also need to ensure that the state agencies involved have adequate legislative powers to participate a coordinated manner to protect the river.**

**HB 2351 improves the ability of the state to carry out the mandates of the legislation already in place to protect the Willamette River Greenway. I encourage the passage of HB 2351**

**Suzanne Brown  
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