

From: [Pat McDonald Bryan McLean](#)
To: [Exhibits HNR](#)
Subject: Oppose House Bill 2351
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Dear Chair Witt and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bryan McLean, I am the owner and President of Northwest Boat Sports located in Oregon City. I am an avid boater, kayaker, and stand up paddler. I was born and raised in Portland. I earned a BS in biology in college. Fisheries biology wasn't a course offered at my University so I created my own fisheries biology elective. After college I worked for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, then the Forest Service.

I oppose HB 2351 because to my knowledge there isn't a study or research specific to the Willamette River to prove that speed or boat wake energy has an adverse effect on 'the shoreline, public and private property, fish and wildlife habitat and vegetation.'

The wind can be relentless on the Willamette. Wind wave energy could be more detrimental to 'the shoreline, public and private property, fish and wildlife habitat and vegetation', especially during periods of high water.

My small business sells, services and stores waterski, wakeboard and wakesurf boats. I oppose HB 2351 because it could have a negative impact on my business, our customers and the employees and families that rely on Northwest Boat Sports for a livable wage and health care.

I oppose HB 2351 because some groups and special interests want to discriminate against the boats that we sell and service for our customers. This is wrong. The Willamette River is a public waterway that should be open to everyone.

There are already laws that can and should be enforced. (ORS 830.305): 'Unsafe operation. Operation that endangers or would likely endanger a person or property. Example of violation: Your boat wake causes a canoe to nearly capsize'

Our door is always open. If someone has a problem with the boats that we sell and service or our customers, then we want to be a part of the solution. Please reach out to me anytime and I will make it a goal to reach out to see what we can do better as a business and industry.

Best Regards,

Bryan McLean
President
Northwest Boat Sports

