

Dear committee;

This bill unfairly targets one segment of users. All people including SUP boarders, fishing boats, canoes, dragon boats, sail boats and anyone else using the River should all equally have education and registration to mitigate the conflicts of use on the Willamette. There were regulations passed last year that haven't had a chance to go into affect for the busy summer months, do you have access and information on what was already passed as regulations that were a compromise from all sides?

Additionally, it must be kept in mind there is already a large no wake zone in place specifically for the paddle borders, canoes, Dragon boats etc. all around The Oregon Yacht Club and Ross Island. This is a protected area just for them to enjoy, yet we still see inexperienced paddle boarding in the middle of the river causing lots of trouble and safety concerns for everyone else, these people, along with everyone using the river, need more education on river use, safety and also licensing/registration. It is not fair to target one group while many others are unfamiliar with the laws and proper use of the river, it should be equal for all other users, but again all others users besides the tow sports, already have a huge no wake zone they can enjoy with no interference from Towed water sport boaters , yet the Towed waterspout boaters are not offered the same, there should be equal rights and equal use by all enjoying our busy urban river.

I have a floating home on the river and am friends and associates with many other homeowners on the River. We are all actively involved with Willamette River Community Coalition. Each and every homeowner that made a choice to buy or build and live on the river should expect wakes and waves, again, it is a busy urban river and they should not have purchased homes on a busy river only to complain about the traffic on it.

I am also in real estate and that would be like someone buying a home on a busy arterial and then complaining about it and asking it to be changed to a side street with no traffic. Or buying a home with a freeway behind them and then wanting the freeway to be moved. Making these limitations will also effect and de-value of all properties on the River.

The key is registration and at a minimum boater safety education cards for all users and not to unfairly target one group of users. We have already agreed to additional Education and have made many compromises and are working together with the Calm Water groups to appease all Users on the River. This bill would destroy all the compromises and progress made to date.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

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