

Dear Committee Members,

I have lived in Wilsonville most of my life and been a real estate broker for nearly 45 years. I have lived on the upper Willamette, enjoyed boating and have also sold many homes with private docks over the years. I know people on both sides of this debate and know that both sides are passionate about their "data". The problem is that you don't have enough information yet to pass this legislation. Passing this bill will create havoc for property owners that have boats over 4,000 lbs - which is the majority. There is also a strong possibility that if you limit water sports activities to the degree represented in this bill, it could have an effect of overall waterfront property values since most people that purchase a home on the river enjoy boating. If you have science that specifies that these boats are the only cause of bank erosion then please post it on the website for all of us to read. I have heard testimony over the years that leans heavily towards high water being the main cause of bank erosion and I've seen trees that have fallen over and taken a chunk of bank with them due to ground saturation - and most recently the ice storm. I urge you to table this legislation until a more thorough study has been done. You seem to be on the fast track for no good reason. Take a deep breath and let the experts weigh in before moving forward.

Thank you,

Debi Laue