

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

The Honorable Brad Witt
House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Chair
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Witt and Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee,

We are writing to ask you to vote against HB 2555, HB 2695, and HB 2734.

These bills would unnecessarily ban most boats from towing tubers, water skiers, wakesurfers, and wakeboarders along 30 miles of the Willamette River. These restrictions come at a time when Oregonians are relying on safe, socially distant activities, like those on the water. Additionally, HB 2734 would begin to lay out a case for a special tax on boat purchases.

These proposed laws are needlessly punitive. They would set a 4,000-pound maximum weight for any boat used for towing, which essentially bans all wakesurfing and many multi-purpose boats from any towing at all. This is not just about wakesurfing or families going tubing – it is about a few homeowners and others setting up their own private river.

The restrictions would come on top of other massive restrictions passed by the Oregon State Marine Board – a ban on wakesurfing on all but three miles of Newberg Pool, and a full ban on wakesurfing in the lower Willamette just south of Portland. These bills would effectively eliminate the final three miles of wake surf zones in this entire 20-mile stretch of river – and add another 10 miles that have never been controversial. The board ignored alternatives that would make a real difference on the water without running afoul of the agency’s authority and improperly favor one group of river users to the exclusion of all others.

Every Oregonian should have access to the Willamette River. Homeowners and boaters alike would welcome more on-water law enforcement, not increased restrictions.

For a community that supports nearly 6,000 jobs and contributes \$1.6 billion in annual economic impact to the state, we urge you to support the recreational boating community by opposing HB 2555, HB 2695, and HB 2734.

Sincerely,

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