

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Mark Gailey and oppose the HB 2555 and HB 2725. I have lived in the PNW my whole life and have lived in Portland area for the last decade. My family and I enjoy boating and have many fond memories of boating with family and friends. In the recent years the Willamette river has become more restricted and has recreated a unsafe water way for many boaters. The restrictions have forced boat enthusiasts into small segments of water.

The rivers are to be enjoyed by everyone and not a select small group of people. There has been no scientific data that links "wake boats" to shore erosion or damaged docks. We could say the same about river flooding and heavy rains that are predominate in the Portland area. The overall effect of this bill would harm and hurt small local business, along with creating more unsafe areas on the Willamette river.

I strongly oppose this bill that would benefit a small group of people.

Thanks,
Mark Gailey