

To whom this may concern,

I strongly oppose this bill and would like to voice my concern on several fronts. Several of my neighbors live on the Willamette River in Lake Oswego. We enjoy recreational boating on the river and spend a lot of time with our friends and family during every season on the Willamette. I am very concerned that this bill will cause many boats to shift to a small area and this will make all tow-sports, including wake surfing, very dangerous as those being towed can easily be run over or hit by boats after falling into the water. And there is also the increased danger of boats colliding since they will be condensed into smaller pockets of recreation.

Second, this bill would have a negative impact on property values, the environment, and transportation throughout these designated zones - all amplified by pushing everyone into smaller areas. Not to mention, it would eliminate the ability to enjoy the river with a wake anywhere close to where we live, creating more time and resources (nonrenewable) to get to the newly designated zones for tow-sports.

Last, I helped build my neighbors dock behind his home. We replaced a 35-year-old dock that was in great shape, other than the age of the wood. Over the last 1.5 years, I have not seen any damage from boats that are towing water skiers, wakeboarders, or wake surfers and do not believe this is an issue. The dock is fine and I've been there during the peak season a summer ago when boats were still in full effect - pre COVID, and there was nothing that a normal dock shouldn't be able to withstand.

If anyone wants to create several "safe" or "no wake" zones near rowing clubs or floating homes, that would be the more appropriate action to take, which considers safety, environment, and transportation, but banning all tow-sports that create a wake is extreme and will result in a determination of the aforementioned plus, the overall enjoyment of the lake by those who own and live on the waterfront.

Thanks, Ari Hoffman