

Chair Witt and Committee -

I am opposed to HB 2555 & 2725. This is a short sighted bill that is hoping it will fix a problem that is not caused by ski boats or jet boats.

Erosion on the Willamette is caused from flooding in the winter and spring. The river is a powerful force and can do way more damage than any boat will do. In the summertime when the water is low, erosion is least likely to happen. Anyone who has been on other river can tell you that all changes happen in the winter time, not the summer.

I would ask that you reconsider this bill.

Some alternative actions is place revetments in areas of high erosion or other bank stabilization techniques.

Convince the Army Corp of Engineers to better control the willamette flooding and not release water when not necessary in the winter time.