

To whom it may concern. I am a resident of Wilsonville and enjoy summer activities on the river. I think Bills 2725 and 2555 are poorly thought out and do not have the evidence needed to support a sweeping change as is proposed. It seems prudent that proposed laws should be evidence based and not merely created and passed at the behest of people or groups who simply have a belief. These changes affect far too many people who have invested heavily into recreating on the river in the form of valuable boats, dock improvements, and gear purchased with the intent and expectation of enjoyment on the Willamette River. I implore the decision makers to research, explore and study the affects of recreating on the river on the surrounding environment before passing a law that will adversely affect the livelihoods of business and the enjoyment or residents on the river.

I am also a realtor who works in the Wilsonville area. I have clients who have purchased on the river and I have buyers who are looking for a home on the river. If these clients knew their ability to freely boat and play on the river as they are able to within the current laws was taken away, my clients would cease to search for homes on the Willamette River. The ability to boat and play on the river has a huge appeal for riverfront properties. If the demand goes down with boat owners, then certainly there is an economic harm to my clients and their property values.
Thank you.