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To Chair Witt and members of the committee. Thank you for allowing me to provide opposition testimony today against house bills 2555 and 2725

I have spent much of every summer of my life on the Willamette river water skiing, wakeboarding and wake surfing. It has been one of my family favorite times together enjoying our amazing Oregon summer. While we spend much of the summer camping, mountain biking, windsurfing/kite surfing throughout Oregon we do most of our boating on the Willamette as it very easy for us to do living less than 10 minutes away from Willamette Park boat ramp. I provide anesthesia services for work, however when not on call I am often times off in the afternoon/early evening which allows my family some fun time on the water. We all wakeboard and wakesurf. I am saddened to think that we no longer will have the ability to do these great activities in our backyard.

I am frustrated that we are here today discussing these very aggressive bills. I am even more confused that we have gone from 10,000lbs weight limit to now 4000lbs with just a recent amendment of 6000lbs. These numbers are obviously very arbitrary and are not fact driven, even more is this is discriminatory towards wake boats. Please do your due diligence and find the most scientific fact-based solutions to this issue.

I appreciate your time. Thank you!

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