

Chair Witt and members of the committee, my name is Bryant McArthur I am a resident of Portland and am here to testify in opposition to HB 2555 and HB 2725.

I was raised and born in Portland Oregon and have been an avid watersports lover since my very early years. I have 40 years of great memories spending time with my family and friends waterskiing, wakeboarding, and tubing on the Willamette river in the Newberg Pool area and have not seen evidence of mass erosion. The biggest changes to the river occur during the winter months when the water is running fast and high. During the winter months, the river is not a calm pool as shown in the pictures at the beginning of this meeting. Don't be miss led. I also rent a slip on the river every year at Boones Ferry Marina and I would not be able to count on 1 hand the number of boats that would meet this 4000 lbs restriction. It is frustrating to see continuous rules being adapted with the sole purpose of restricting access of waterways to a specific group the wake boat owners. The result will create more crowded and dangerous rivers in the limited areas that are left. The better solution is to expand boater education to everyone beyond just wake boat owners so everyone can share the river. I thank you for your time.