

Hello. Having lived in Canby since 2006 and enjoying time spent responsibly boating on the Willamette with my family and our friends, I am strongly opposed to HB 2725. I grew up in the Midwest and feel fortunate to have some of the best memories of my youth and beyond being those spent in and behind the boat, and have always had the goal of creating similar memories for our two daughters. I could easily overload your inbox with images of the smiles of our daughters and their friends behind the boat(s) wakeboarding, etc. over the past several years, as I'm sure you can imagine as we've had such a perfect place for towed watersports boating our great "small" town. I'm very concerned that HB 2725 and those that are pushing the agenda "supporting" are going to eliminate access to our favorite summer recreation, and have a devastating impact on the related businesses and resulting revenue that support so many in our area.

HB 2725 will only add to the safety issues on the river. Banning wake boats from the Upper Willamette not only destroys boating opportunities for Oregonians, but will add to congestion and safety issues in other bodies of water. The vast majority of boaters on the Willamette are safe and responsible. We should focus on increased education and enforcement of the existing rules.

Please consider my opposition and that of so many others in our area to HB 2725 and allow us to continue to enjoy the towed watersports on the Willamette as we've done responsibly for the past several years. Thank you - Nick Kennelly