

I am a Willamette River front homeowner for 9 years. Last night's hearing was very biased and disappointing. No one that was opposed for these bills was given the opportunity to give a presentation. Only the group that is for these Bills. I patiently waited for 3 hours to give my one minute testimony and was not given the chance. Instead time was wasted on trying to show videos that did not work and testimonies biasedly selected. One to mention was Travis Williams who chose to "flip off" everyone on the video call which was documented. What a poor representation of this group. JoAnne Criscione showed her 25 min unfactual presentation. It is so exhausting that our Representatives receive countless monetary donations for their campaign to push these Bills through. Just shows how corrupt our legal system can be and what is out of the hands of our Citizens.

It was and is our life long dream to be riverfront home owners. My husband and I scrapped every last dollar to buy a home on the river to give our kids the chance to enjoy towed sports from our dock. No matter what we have obeyed all new rules (even though they became even more dangerous) and have showed nothing but respect for on the rivers as well. We have about 16 week end days where weather is good and the water gets busy while boaters enjoy what they are entitled to. That is not the cause for erosion. Even on the OSU Survey Report water sports is 1 out of the 11 erosion issues. I have asked multiple GeoTechs with 30+ years experience about size of wakes damaging banks and each one states erosion doesn't happen from wakes it happens due to poor vegetation, improper water mitigation, and the water levels rising 20-30'. One Representative mentioned his grand daughter can't see her footprints on the bank anymore. That is the most assaign thing I have ever heard! This comes from the high rise in water levels not from wakeboard boats. Every year I see schools of fish around my dock and the most amazing wildlife that is not affected by any size or shaped boats. There has been mentions about docks being damaged as well. Docks are not meant to last forever and need to be maintained just like our banks. Docks and banks need maintance. It's all part of living on the river. Also being here for 9 years I have not seen one boating accident or injury. Towing or not. I have also only seen Enforcement on the river for a couple of hours a day on those 16 week end days. So what are our taxes going toward? Especially since we just paid for that new tow endorsement.

We moved here to give our family a life we've always dreamed of. To use the river year round and now that will be taken away from us that we pay taxes for. Other watersports don't pay tax...I guess they donate to campaigns. These Bills will devalue our homes and our boats. Not to mention businesses will go under. This is a public waterway not a private waterway like Lake Oswego. If this goes through through I wouldn't be surprised if there is a public announcement of monetary donations to individual's campaigns and documentation of how the opposing group was treated biasedly. Someone will be paying for our depreciation. It is clearly a prejudice stereotype that we are under.

I oppose House Bill 2725 and House Bill 2555

Thank you for your time,
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