

I disagree with bill in that Oregon is place of freedom and openness. This bill caters to wealthy homeowners who would like to keep this public asset to themselves. This will become another treasure lost to few. The beauty and recreation of public treasures is for all Oregonians. Many own boats beyond the 4000 lbs and this would extremely limit their options going forward.

In short - the Willamette will become another Lake Oswego - a public treasure in which the extremely wealthy has (through regulation) cut off the rest of us. Since when did Oregon become a place that caters to few?

Finally - Boating on the Willamette provide recreation option for our kids - who are constantly bombarded by the lure of video games, iPhone, and TV. This quick access for boating brings many Kids out of the house in to nature.