

I have lived in Oregon all my life and I have worked in the Water Sports Industry for 8 years. HB2725 should not be passed because there is no empirical scientific evidence to back this bill up. The fact is that the Willamette River is an ever changing body of water. With the river rising 20 feet in the winter and falling in the summer. Even in the summer months the river rises and falls. When the river rises in the winter it causes soil to become soft. The weight of the trees then collapse into the river on top of this newly soft river bank. Even the trees on the banks get heavier with rain fall in the winter months. This is the process that create erosion on the river. Not to mention the raging current in the winter months as well. I drive along the Willamette River from Canby to Oregon City every morning and I see these trees in the river that have collapsed. These trees then create more erosion when slamming into the shore line. This is the real culprit of corrosion, not wake board boats. The other fact is that any boat under 4000 pounds can create and make the same size wake by plowing through the waster at 7 mph. Its the same affect here, fishing boats or small boats can create such wakes. Singling out 1 group of people and restricting them for the benefiot of a much smaller interest group is not how to handle these issues.

Thank You for hearing my testimony.