

Dear Chair Wagner and Committee Members:

SUPPORT for SB 857:

Please support SB 857 to reduce harm to the Willamette River's shore area habitat and species dependent on it. SB 857 is needed to address a new problem of motor boat wake intended to be forceful, whose harm falls on other people who swim, paddle and fish, and on species that are already threatened by human activity. This problem can not be solved with voluntary education.

These recreational Wake Boats erode the shoreline and are at odds with other uses. We must limit their damage by limiting their weight. SB 857 would simply limit their weight to protect other river users and species that are not represented.

Please pass SB 857 to limit harmful private use of our significant public resource, the Willamette River. Thank you.

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