

I live on and recreate on the upper Willamette River in Wilsonville, and I strongly oppose this bill. We already went thru this with HB 2725 which was defeated.

A rule capping boats at 4k lbs is not based on any science, and is just a made up number. The river is busy no more than 25 days a year due to our weather. We have rules in place already to keep surf boats in designated surf zones. The rules work just fine as long as there is cops to enforce it. And wakes from any size boat are not a problem when it comes to docks and erosion. It's a moving body of water that goes up and down in river height. It can change 25 feet or more in the winter and spring, and obviously when the water level rises and falls it takes part of the shore line with it. Same deal with docks. They're made of wood and float in water, so yes they require regular repairs and work every year regardless of if boats are going by or not.

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