

I am writing in opposition to this bill. This bill has been brought up several times and turned down. It is not based on factual research and instead being pushed by special interest groups. Public rivers should be available to all who want to use it. The 4000lb rule is Ridiculous most new boats regardless of being a wake boat or not are above that limit. Boating has been a passion of my family's for over 30 years and I grew up water skiing, wake boarding and now surfing in the willamette and Columbia. In stead of focusing this time and resources on banning boats and water sports. I would like to see the Osmb and local governments increase patrol to keep the safety rules enforced. There isn't even a Buoy out stating the new ludicrous rules. We need to work together to promote education on our water ways- including paddle/ rowers- enforcement and safety needs to be made a priority. I strongly urge you to not move forward with this ban. It will hurt family's, businesses and over crowd more dangerous parts of the river with no resources to assist those areas.