

lease vote no on SB 857

?I am hoping you are all aware of the unintended consequences of voting for this bill. The jobs lost in the pleasure boat industry will be numerous. This includes sales folks, repair/maintenance folks, aftermarket suppliers, fuel docks. Not to mention the lost revenue in gas taxes for all the fuel consumed. Also this law will put heavier traffic on lakes and rivers not governed by it (yet).

It seems this bill has been pushed forward by its proponents with "science" that is quite short on facts. I personally have been on the upper Willamette for over 30 years. It has been said that wakeboats are hastening the erosion of the river. I can tell you from firsthand experience the river is no wider than the first day I was on it. If the heavy winter and spring flows haven't eroded the banks there is no scientific evidence a boat wake would.

It is sad to see the way that a small fringe group of river users can dictate the overall use for the masses. At some point it would be nice to see politicians in this state stand up to and not for these fringe groups. If this group of legislators is truly governing to the will of the people it will vote against this bill. The OVERWHELMING testimony against should warrant a no vote in itself.

I hope you all find a way to do the right thing and vote no on SB 857

Thank you for your time,

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