

Good evening house chair Warner and members of the committee, My name is Jodie Schule and I am a river front home owner and recreational boater on the stretch of Willamette River also referred to as the Newberg Pool. My family has lived here for over 20 years and I was born in Oregon.

I listened today to all the testimony claiming surf wakes are continuing to damage people's property and eroding their banks. While I have my own opinion on the impact of wake sports, I don't see how homeowners are still complaining about surf wakes when they have been banned for over two years by the Oregon State Marine Board?

Wake surfing is and has been banned for any boat on the majority of the Newberg pool and is only allowed, with a towed water sports endorsement, in two very small unpopulated areas that have no docks.

With all the restrictions currently in place, what is it that everyone is truly complaining about?

Almost identical bills were introduced in the House and didn't even make it out of the Committee Chaired by the House Bill sponsor himself, Repressive Witt . That was a bi partison vote on both bills as that committee recognized these bills were not necessary or worthy of their value time.

I urge you to focus on more urgent matters and vote no on senate bill 857 .
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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