

Submitter: Steve Marko

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

Dear Committee,

Our family is opposed to SB 1589. As a long-time resident family and business leader of Oregon, we value our resources and support our outdoor recreation. Our family enjoys boating on the river, and finds the more time we spend using this shared resource, the more we are encouraged to take care of it. This SB 1589 law is flawed, and seems to be full of bias and conflict of interest. We welcome the towed watersports education, safety, and even the shared costs for regulation. However, the additional restrictions within SB 1589 would eliminate all the good we have achieved with the current regulations. The arbitrary weight restrictions of 5000 lbs are not supported with facts, seem to only eliminate recreation boats, and still allow other large boats over the weight limit to create wakes in the area. This law seems to only discriminate against recreational wake surf boats, and does not provide any solution for regulation. Do not take this away from our children who find safe, outdoor recreation in this area.

Please oppose SB 1589, and allow the current regulations to remain in place, so that we may further evaluate the current regulatory restrictions that have only been in place for a short time. Our community cares for the river and would like to find solutions for this resource to be legally shared by all. My family, and most all my children thank you for opposing the proposed SB 1589 legislation.