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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

I oppose bill SB1589 because of how it would affect my family as well as many other families that share our public river. During our short summer months in the PNW, our family and friends have enjoyed using one of the few open bodies of water located in and around Portland. While the weight limits this bill is proposing would not affect my boat, I strongly feel that forcing a large group of boaters off of the river is unjust and unfair. I have enjoyed the Willamette River every year for over 25 years, and this bill will only increase safety issues by forcing a large concentration of boaters into limited areas. We need to learn to share the river and follow the laws, and that is for every watercraft vehicle on the river.

Please oppose this bill. Thank you.