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Growing up in Lake Oswego (LO) I've spent many days on the Willamette River banks of George Rogers park. You will still find the sandy banks occupied by folks enjoying a sunny day along the water, but today there is a lot more waves from boats that have become a nuisance. Choppy waters on what should be a calm section of river have made paddling more difficult and the noise of so many boats has had a negative affect on the atmosphere, especially when they're blasting music over the noisy engines. I'm simply speaking of the affects on human activity as the impacts to ecology is more substantial.

Waves created by wake boats, common today, are going to speed the erosion of banks and disrupt animal habitats in ways the owners of these crafts likely care little. This bill will help to keep these ecological systems protected and keep our river as we enjoy it today enjoyable into the future.