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On Behalf Of: Myself
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure: SB1589

Dear Sirs;

I have lived in Oregon all of my seventy years and have spent many days enjoying canoeing on the Willamette river. Most of my time on the river has been between Salem and Champoeg Park, but I have played on a lot of the river. My life has been spent working on the farms in the Willamette Valley.

I am sure that the boats that are designed to create a huge wake are harmful to the river itself and the organisms that live in the river. I have watched the bank erosion and the mud entering the stream from high energy waves impacting the riverbank. I am not a scientist but have read that there are many that agree with me. These boats that create a huge wake need to be operated on the Columbia River or a very large lake that can absorb all of that energy. The Willamette River is a slow moving river that passes through farmland and doesn't have a rocky shoreline.

I enjoy the challenge of navigating my way through a very large wake now and then but on a very busy day I would rather not be on the river. I feel sorry for the people that think these busy days on the river are a normal thing and now I am fortunate to able to avoid those conditions. I am very blessed to be a lifelong Oregonian and I daily pray that the youngsters of today will be able to say the same thing when they are adults.

As the population of our region explodes we, as involved citizens, must accept that unlimited freedoms are a myth. Just as speed limits reduce traffic deaths there will always be restrictions on the members of a society. I feel the number of people who will have to find a better place to operate their "wake boats" is just a fraction of the number of people that will benefit from a quieter river, better fishing and enjoying our human powered craft.

Thank You Paul Cadell Silverton, Oregon