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I feel this bill would be in the best interest of the vast majority of the people who use the Willamette River for recreation and esthetic enjoyment, and it will surely benefit the fish and wildlife that use this waterway as their home. I have personally witnessed these wake boats overwhelm kayakers and paddle boarders by the waves created, and my wife and I both have been swamped by these abnormally large waves while kayaking! Plus the constant threat of these passing boats takes a lot of joy out of our kayaking experiences. I think the wake surfers should be allowed to enjoy their sport on specific stretches of the river that are wide enough to reduce the potential hazard they create for other people enjoying other water sports and in areas that reduce or eliminate the damage to riverside properties and to the health of this wonderful river so many Oregonians love.