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I oppose this bill on grounds there is no merit to it. I have yet to see or hear convincing evidence that wake or surf boats cause more damage to the shorelines than an average Oregon winter or even a large fishing boat. Is there the occasional boater not respecting boundaries and the rules? Absolutely, but the answer isn't to regulate the river to the point that a very small percentage can use it. The answer is to enforce the laws that are already in place. I have been boating on the Willamette for 20 years and for most of those years we will never see river patrol. So instead of destroying an industry because some rich ppl don't like it, why not fund the river patrol so they can enforce what's already there.