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Measure: SB1589

Oregon Families for Boating is a community of boating enthusiasts, clubs and local small businesses dedicated to ensuring boating opportunities are accessible to all Oregonians. Since the start of the year, we've seen over 500 families voice their support for maintaining waterway access rights. These families have come out against proposed legislation, including Senate Bill 1589, that would inhibit them from spending time safely – a cherished pastime many Oregonians enjoy with their families - on Oregon's waters, specifically the Newberg Pool.

The Oregon legislature has heard loud and clear from these families in nearly 1,500 letters written to lawmakers and through petitions that the overregulation of the Newberg Pool – arguable already one of the most regulated bodies of water in the state – is not the answer.

This concerned group of constituents has instead respectfully asked the legislature to consider increased education and enforcement of existing boating regulations, combined with investments in site-specific research and bank management.