

Submitter: James Hannan

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

My name is James Hannan and I'd like express my strong opposition to SB 1589. I am a 50 year old life long Beaverton native who's been enjoying water sports on the upper Willamette since the late 70s. My wife and I have been boat owners for 25 years. We've enjoyed countless days of summer boating in the Newberg pool with our children, friends, and family. We purchased a new boat in 2020; a significant investment and a valuable sale to a local dealer. Our boat would be rendered unusable if SB 1589 were to pass. This would present a significant financial harm to us and, I believe, unfairly restrict our right to recreate on the River. While I understand the concerns of some riverfront residents and non-powered recreation enthusiasts regarding large wakes, we believe the current Marine Board rules of use represent a reasonable compromise for shared use of our limited waterway. To arbitrarily restrict one form of recreation over another would be an unfair over each. Please consider all of the families like mine that would adversely affected by this bill and oppose SB 1589.

Thank you, James Hannan