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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

To whom it may concern. Thank you for your consideration of my opposition of SB1589. In a day in which we feel we are constantly juggling the state mandates of how we should live our lives with regard to Covid. This bill is a complete overstep. Hundreds of families use this PUBLIC waterway to get outdoors and enjoy quality time with loved ones. To make changes would be understandable if there were studies or data to support such changes. Why has this bill gotten this far? As a new homeowner on the upper willamette this is scary precedent to see get this far. Why should wake surfing be banned on close to 40 miles of waterway? Neither of the two zones have any homes, docks and have a wide river way. Are we trying to make a kayak only waterway to service a few people? Why should people not be able to enjoy their boats? If they have boats that aren't worthy, now you want them sell those boats and pay whatever overpriced the owner/dealer is asking for a boat that meets this criteria? Who are they gonna sell them to? Is this a money grab? If so find a way to use the money to put back into the upper willamette restoration shoreline. Maybe people that have the boats you all deem unfit pay a larger permit fee? Has anyone taken the time to see the riverbanks and how homeowners continue to cutdown trees, shrubs etc and how they are damaging the riverbanks? This is the problem along with driving too close to shore and not about a guy with a specialized boat. To segregate wakeboard boat owners and say nope sorry you need to go and drive hours to a lake where there may or may not be water to actually share with the increased traffic is just sad. Plenty of boats are larger and heavier that won't have to follow the same rules. Again it's a PUBLIC waterway and should be treated as such. Do the right thing and vote NO.

Thanks for hearing us out

Jesse