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I support Senate Bill 1589, I hope you will too!

The opposition keeps saying that there needs to be more studies.

There are studies already. The bottom line for these studies is intuitive. The studies all come to the conclusion that wake boat size waves need 400-500 feet of distance to get to the size of non-wake boat wave. One of these studies was actually done in the Newberg Pool. Then you look at the width of the Newberg Pool at around 600 feet wide, putting the center channel at 300 feet. A wake boat wave could never reach the goal of non-wake boat wave. Then multiply that by the number of boats on any given stretch of the river, and they have to get within 100 feet of the shore to pass each other.

There is no way that a study could be developed that could specifically point to one boat causing a particular landside, or one boat causing a dock to break apart.

We must extrapolate from the data we have. The magnitude of energy from large waves combined with the steep and silty shoreline, hitting the bank at the exact same height all summer long is clearly a recipe for destruction.

It's like saying there is no study that says if you jump from the Fremont bridge you might get hurt, but you could extrapolate: combining the force of gravity and the make up of the surface below and the nature of the human body and positively determine what's going to happen.

We don't need more studies, at this point we just need action.

Support SB1589, it's got the backing of science.