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A recent University of Minnesota scientific study compared the wake waves of ski boats and wakesurf boats during their most typical mode of operations. The data indicated that wakesurf boats require distances greater than 500 feet from the shoreline/docks and other boats to decrease their wake wave characteristics to levels similar to the non-wakesurf boats.

Massive 5,000 plus pound watercraft have too great an impact on shorelines, docks, wildlife, and other family powered and nonpowered watercraft activities on this stretch of the river to continue their operation here. Please provide the Willamette River and the families recreating on it relief from this special interest group.

I support this bill and the limits it places on the size of towed watersport motorboats.