

Submitter: Austin Walker

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

I, Austin Walker, am a homeowner on the Willamette River near Hebb Park and vehemently oppose this proposed regulation. My family boats all summer from Hebb park to the narrows. The proposed SB 1589 will regulate my family and those around us from using the Willamette River in a safe and equitable way. The wake surfing community in large has followed all guidance with certification and is confined to the two areas without docks and homes. As a homeowner in this community, it is clear there is minimal damage, if any, from watersports and the majority of the erosion is from the winter storms. Please oppose this proposed bill until there can be proper research conducted to understand the effects of wake boats on the river and clear evidence a weight limit is necessary to combat further erosion and damage to the natural wildlife.