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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

My family spends summers boating on the Willamette River. Rules have been increased to move wake surfing to a restricted 1.6-mile section of the river, required a special safety course, and a license of \$200. Enough is enough. Leave things as they are now and let those who wake surf continue to enjoy their summer. This continues to be regulatory overreach and targeting one group of boaters. Outlawing wake surfing from river mile 26.6 clear to mile 55 will not cure any of the supposed "ills" that the bill sponsors image. The river is there to be shared, not owned by a group of homeowners. Vote NO and leave it to die in committee.

The river belongs and has belonged to everyone, not just a select group of homeowners that live on the river. This is really an attempt of those homeowners to have their own "private" river. When they bought their homes, they knew that the river was a public waterway with access to all.