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Senate Bill 1589 is a good Bill.

I've been boating in the Newberg Pool for many years, actually decades. What I have observed over the years is the change in the numbers of different kinds of users.

Over the last ten years, the increasing number of wake boats has directly resulted in a decreasing number of non wake boats. I have a smaller boat, and the fact is that when I go out on the water in the summer, I spend most of the time trying to orient my boat in a direction so as to not take water over my bow or side from the big wakes from the wake boats.

These wake boats are, in effect, deterring other types of boats from going out on the river. If the Newberg Pool were wider, there would be room to jockey around these bigger boats, but there is just not enough room. The wake boats can dominate the narrow river at the expense of everyone else.

I read one comment by an opponent where he said he didn't want to take his wake boat to bigger bodies of water because the waves were "too big" there.

He wants to be the biggest fish in a small pond. Well, the Newberg Pool is too small of a pond for that kind of fish (wake boat)

Please pass this Bill.