

Submitter: Turner Charles

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

I am in favor of SB 1589.

I am in the business of real estate. I can tell you that I have had buyers looking at riverfront property in the Wilsonville and Newberg areas, and they are very concerned about the erosion. There are homeowners who have spent anywhere from \$50,000 to \$400,000 to repair the loss of their land in last 10 years. The remarkable part to me, is that it has only been in the last ten years, since the advent of the large wake producing boats. The shoreline in this area of the river is pretty steep, so it is no wonder that, as the waves have gotten bigger, the undercutting of the bank has become a real issue. Home buyers are weary of this problem. Property values could actually be hurt by letting these boats continue to cause damage. That's my professional opinion.

I think it makes sense to restrict the heaviest boats, because the shoreline in this area is steep and soft and cannot handle this newer type of boat.