

My name is Bart Forsberg and I oppose SB 1589.

I live in a home on the Willamette river in Wilsonville and have boated on this river for many years. I am also an avid outdoorsman and will take every effort possible to preserve Oregon's habitat.

I am disappointed to see the efforts of special interest groups working to create a private water way for personal use through SB 1859. This is now the third attempt at passing overly restrictive legislation. It is without question the bill lacks sufficient scientific data that supports the exaggerated claims of bank erosion. Supporters can only provide opinion that bank erosion is occurring and what's causing it.

This bill is a knee jerk reaction to a problem that is not clearly defined, if this is a density issue on this waterway, let's deal with the density. Solutions are only aimed at creating a private water way for very few. This bill will eliminate water recreation for thousands of Oregon families, it will have significant negative impact on Oregon business's, that are desperately trying to recover from the impact of a pandemic, it creates significant safety issues for boaters, I implore this legislative body to vote no on SB 1589.

Now is not a time to impose further unwarranted restrictions on Oregonians as we begin to recover to normalcy post pandemic.