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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

Please vote in favor of SB1589,

This Bill DOES NOT ban boating. People keep saying that, it's not true.

This Bill puts a restriction on only the heaviest wake boats (NOT all the boats, half the boats with the towed sports certificates from the OSMB are still eligible to tow).

Of the boats that would be restricted from towing, 88% of them are already driving their boats to their spot on the water, so they simply drive to a better spot without the restriction.

AND, wake boats are only 1% of the total boats registered in the Portland area. So, you see, the restriction is affecting a very tiny portion of the boating community.

The MAJORITY of the boating community supports this Bill.

Absolute worst case scenario for the small percentage of boats affected (those that do the worst damage) that absolutely must tow in the Newberg Pool, is that they can trade in their boat for one that holds just as many passengers, but meets the weight limit. They would probably even pocket some money in the price differential.

Also, even the restricted boats can still go out on the Newberg Pool and play in the water and have fun with their friends, just not the big wake sports.

This Bill is not a ban, but a sensible rule to protect the environment and other users.