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I support SB1589.

I studied engineering at OSU. What I have learned is that we use science and observation to come to conclusions. Sometimes the simplest of things are really able to be proven.

You can't prove that $2 + 2 = 4$. It just does. You can't "prove" that one boat causes erosion in the Newberg Pool.

You CAN show that the shoreline is steep and soft (not rocky).

You CAN prove that the shoreline hasn't substantially changed for hundreds of years, until recently, due to new types of boats being used.

You CAN follow the science that proves that wake boat waves still have 3 times the height and energy at 200 feet as a non wake boat.

You CAN listen to a multitude of people who have been knocked off their paddle boards, or fallen on their docks, or have had their boat swamped with water.

While I can't "prove" that a wake boat causes erosion and safety issues, I can put 2 and 2 together and come up with an obvious conclusion.

It's deductive reasoning. It's just common sense at this point to limit the wake boat's activities in this area of the river.