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Chair and Committee Members,

You certainly have heard much testimony on both sides of the issue.

Even though I empathize with people that have boats weighing over 5000 pounds (I have one too), passing this Bill is the right thing.

It's fun to surf behind a boat and wakeboard with big wakes, but unfortunately it can't really be construed as a God given right.

There are many regulations for all rivers. Smaller rivers often don't even allow any motorized boats.

The Columbia allows the biggest of vessels. There is a reason for these differences.

The upper Willamette falls in the middle. It is wide enough for most recreational boats but not quite wide enough for big wake boats. It's just the nature of this part of the river.

While it is frustrating for some boat owners, there are still options, even if it is a hassle. Other water bodies are bigger and smaller boats are available.

Not every river can accommodate every user.

This SB1589 makes sense to me and I am in support.

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