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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

I am in favor of SB 1589.

I just want to remind people of some history.

Wake enhancing devices (read, ballasts and wake boats) were outright banned in the Newberg Pool from 2010-2019.

But, it was tricky to enforce, because an officer would have to board the vessel, which wasn't practical, and people just ignored the rule.

Then zones were created and certificates and stickers where required and a weight limit was given to the Marine Board to set.

The stickers did help with enforcement, and that stays the same in this regulation.

However, the Marine Board set a weight limit without regard to the legislative intent.

They set it at the maximum ramp capacity of 10,000 pounds, nothing to do with wake activity.

This Bill sets the weight at a level consistent with the original legislative intent of the first bill that passed.

Also, this Bill wasn't defeated earlier, rather, it passed the Senate and passed the House Committee, only be killed with a last minute tactic, a minority report.

It had the votes in the House. Basically, this is just unfinished business. I strongly support the passage, again, of this Bill.