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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

I strongly oppose SB 1589.

This river is primarily used by these wake boats you're trying to ban, so forcing them off of the river will just over crowd other waterways making them unsafe. The majority of the boaters on the Willamette River are safe and responsible. Instead of making more rules we should be focusing on education and enforcement of the existing rules.

There is also zero empirical evidence that directly links erosion on the banks or damage to docks to wake boats.

Subjecting only towed water sports enthusiasts to a weight limit is overtly biased. A 5,000-pound fishing boat can produce a similar wake to the same size tow boat.

Furthermore a 15,000 cabin cruiser that produces a wake far greater than any wake surfing boat can still operate freely under this legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.