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I strongly oppose this bill. My family has enjoyed boating recreation on the Willamette river for decades. I believe this bill will hurt not only small business, but it will also negatively impact families who use the river waterway for boating recreation. The river is a public water way and the public should be able to use it. I also feel that the bill will negatively impact the lower Willamette by heavily increasing usage which is already overcrowded and sometimes dangerous. It is very frustrating that a select group of the population that uses the Willamette is being targeted for all its problems. We should be able to find a way to share equally among all who want to enjoy the Willamette. A minority of special interest groups should not govern river usage for all.