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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

Hello,

I'm writing to oppose Bill 1589. My family and I have enjoyed the Newberg pool the last 3 summers and appreciate the current regulation put fourth for this waterway. Restricting boats of this capacity will severely impact small businesses in the local area who have already suffered throughout the pandemic. It feels that this restriction isn't applied to cabin cruisers and large fishing boats. Many of us families on this stretch of the Willamette do not use our ballasts when towing wakboarders, waterskiers and tubers but this bill will force us off the water. Growing up on a boat, I was fortunate to enjoy many summers as a family learning family values, not connected to the internet and good old fashion memories. I'm devastated to hear this bill might pass and encourage voting against it. Lets put rigor behind determining the impact of shore erosion to poor care of the shoreline by homeowners, unkept vegetation and put codes on homeowners to keep up their shoreline.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Meghan Simmons