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To: Chair Marsh and members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee

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Re: Senate Bill 1589

Please accept our written testimony as a strong opposition to SB 1589.

We have lived in Wilsonville for 21 years and are simply asking that you vote no on this bill prior to removing the rights of countless constituents and the way they use their river. I'd like to suggest using the time between now and next session to have a study done instead hurrying and taking the so called "experts" opinions and speculation. There is currently not enough specific data on this stretch of river to vote in support of this bill in a responsible way.

I hope that the time is taken to continue to keep wake surfing in restricted areas and use sometime to do research and collect accurate and applicable study findings on some of the areas of concern like bank beds, fish, and other items tied to emotional reactions.

Thank you for your willingness to stand against political pressure on this one. We hope calm minds will prevail and not allow something this important to get pushed through in a short session like this.