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Hey I'm Emma Dougherty and I oppose SB1589 and I'm a teenager at Wilsonville High School and you will ruin the mental health of teens by doing this. Teens rely on this river. What you all don't realize is that there's only around 20 days on the river that are useable during the summer. All of my friends follow the rules and never are not in the correct zones. There is no signs anywhere so the weekenders have no clue where the rules are. All of us who live on the river follow the rules. To all in support of this bill when you signed up to live here you signed up for upkeep on your property. You need to replace some boards on your dock, take care of your bank, etc. As well as the fact that I am a minor that when I am surfing in the zones or doing the correct water sports in the right zones I have people filming me. I am a minor in a swimsuit and tired of being filmed. My final argument is this bill makes absolutely no sense. I am still allowed to fill up my ballast bags, create the biggest wake possible and go up and down the river. But right when I throw a rope behind the boat it's illegal? This bill needs more time. I can still make the exact wake wherever I want with my 5,000 pound plus boat I just can't do anything behind it. I have lived on the river for over 8 years and have never seen more than 2 cops on the river. It's rare to see them everyday. We need more police force to have people follow the rules. If we had more cops going around and telling people where the zones are, making signs and putting them in the zones , people would follow the rules. We need more enforcement before getting rid of wake sports completely. There is no erosion happening from these boats, are river goes up and down all winter long. We need more research, more enforcement. If this bill goes through, none of the weekenders will listen, everyone will still be able to make a wake. I can't wrap my head around how people think this bill makes sense. Thank you. I oppose SB1589