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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1589

I'm writing with my story in opposing HB 1589. I'm an avid boat owner of a wake surf boat. I moor my boat at Boones Dock Marina which I've done for the last 5 years. My family and I enjoy the river for the short boating season each year. A couple of points this legislation misses.

The Newberg Pool is highly regulated already. We have the towed water sports sticker which comes at a cost to renew every two years and requires a test. Signage on the river is lacking, so boaters not familiar with the area may not obey the law unwittingly.

Enforcement of current laws is lacking. This bill creates more regulation when current legislation is not enforced.

Bank erosion is not present in the small wake zones. Most erosion occurs from man made activities on the banks, not from towed water sports.

Boating traffic is heavy on several days of the year. Our boating season is two months (July, August), very short. Most weekends are busy in the 1-4pm time frame. I'm out on the river during the week, often times no other boats are on the river at the time.

This bill does not address the biggest stake holders on the river, the home owners! These home owners bought property and wake board boats specifically to wake board and surf. Without these important stakeholders on board, it's not fair.

Boating, wakesurfing and wakeboarding are all great family activities which the

community has done for years. Pushing out boaters because of boat size is wildly unpopular, not to mention singles out a group of people unfairly.

Please vote against this bad idea.

Best Regards,

Donald Zabudsky