

Submitter: Bruce Berg

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

To: Oregon Legislators

My name is Bruce Berg. I oppose SB1589. Special interest groups mainly homeowners on the Willamette River should not have any say on how public waters like the beautiful Willamette River should be used. These homeowners do not own the river! The Newberg pool has allowed watersports of all types for 100's of Oregon families to take part in family activities and enjoyable time on this "public" body of water.

Watersports keep families close. We need more activities like this to build relationships with our loved ones. Making laws that would prohibit the use of boats for wakeboarding, surfing and slalom skiing would be the wrong decision just to please a few property owners who chose to purchase a home so close to a river. . a river that is not owned by them. They do not have any right to influence government agencies to make new laws that take away the rights of all boaters that have been using the Willamette River for 100's of years.

Also, 100's of people in the area make their living from the boating industry. Putting more restrictions on our water ways will eliminate many peoples jobs. . something we certainly do not want to do or be involved in.

Thank you for your time reading all of the comments and not being influenced by special interest groups.

Warmest regards,

Bruce Berg