

Submitter: Katarzyna Schoewe
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB3006

I am a mom of a varsity rower, who has been rowing on the Willamette river as part of the Oregon Rowing unlimited club since 7th grade. The sport has provided a wonderful opportunity for my son to be part of a team, grow his skills and become a college athlete. The kids spend 6 days a week on the river supervised by professional coaches and follow strict safety procedures. Zero accidents have occurred in the 6 years that my son has been rowing, since it is a very safe sport. There's a hundred year old history of youth rowing in the US and has helped to shape countless young lives. It cannot be performed competitively while wearing a life jacket! Our under 16 team has medaled at US National championships year over year, bringing great prestige to Portland sports. Please do not restrict their ability to continually compete and succeed nationally.