

To: House Committee On Judiciary
From: Cheng Hu
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Measure: HB3006

My 14-year old son is an avid youth rower. This rule, without an exemption for rowing, would put Oregon youth rowers at a big disadvantage on the regional and national stage. Rowing youth compete in several age groups including U17, U16, U15. Wearing PFDs impacts mastery of efficient sculling technique; kids in other states would not be similarly burdened.

If Measure HB3006 uses “one size fits all” approach and doesn’t provide an exemption for youth rowers, it potentially creates safety risks to them because PFDs could get caught up in rowing actions and increase the likelihood of injury.

I, on behalf of Oregon youth rowers, here firmly oppose Measure HB3006 without an exemption for youth rowers.

Sincerely,

Cheng Hu