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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB3006

Dear Committee,

My son is youth rower. He is passionate about this sports. Requirement of PFDs for youth rowing community will be detrimental to this sports at Oregon. 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. Last year at Youth Nationals, (cite how well your younger kids did). These results would not be possible under the proposed rule. Oregon will not be able to host Regattas in the future due to this restriction.

There are three main rowing organizations in Portland area. All of them are putting safety at first. Each rower requires a swim floating test before they can join the team. Each team make tremendous effort to train rowers and put safety as priority. All rowers goes as a team in a boat. Coach will be nearby and watch rowers. Please consider exclude rowing members from this rule.

Thank you for your support to youth rowing community.
Yejuan