

Testimony in Opposition to SB 1590 by Paula Brottman

I am a local kayaker, wildlife enthusiast and a believer in nature conservation. I am opposed to SB 1590 as it would impact my enjoyment of the Newberg Pool and disturb the natural qualities of the shoreline. But I am not speaking only for myself, but for the many kayakers, canoeists, paddleboarders, swimmers and other small boat owners that often fear for their life when paddling for pleasure. When a wake boat is sighted on the river approaching me, I can only hope that they see me and avoid my location, the waves are often large and can easily capsize a small boat. I am also aware of collisions that have occurred, which one would not expect in a gentle river setting.

It is apparent that SB159 would reverse previous legislative efforts to protect nearshore habitat, shorelines and property. This has been thoroughly studied and documented. I am surprised that this bill would even come for a vote.

Please, the Newberg pool is a Portland Jewel. Let's continue to provide it for the many, not the few.

Thank you for considering my comments on SB 1590.

Sincerely,

Paula Brottman

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