

Submitter: Ron Bekey  
On Behalf Of: Kayakers and non-motorized boats  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire  
Measure: SB1590

I am a local kayaker, birder and nature lover. I am opposed to SB 1590 as it would impact my enjoyment of the Newberg Pool and disturb the natural qualities of the shoreline. 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 approaches me, I can only hope that they see me and avoid my location, as I have had friends who were severely injured in a collision and others who capsized from the large waves. SB159 would reverse previous legislative efforts to protect nearshore habitat, shorelines and property. This has been thoroughly studied and documented. Please, save the Newberg pool for human-powered users and keep the motorized wake boats out.

Thank you for considering my comments on SB 1590.

Sincerely,  
Ron Bekey

Kayaker, birder, nature lover and member of Oregon Ocean Paddling Society