

To Whom It May Concern:

I live on the Willamette River within the Newberg Pool. I support SB 1590.

SB 1590 will increase access to towed water sports. Right now a boater who wants to tow tubes or water skiers is penalized for the weight of unused water ballast that they are not even using. As it stands now the law does not make sense and is undeservedly punitive, making it impossible to use a large majority of boats that had already been purchased before this arbitrary law was put in place.

AN ASIDE: I'm assuming the restrictive law limiting boat access was put into place to stop erosion (though I have seen NO studies that say that is actually happening). I have lived on the river for 10 years and see no evidence that safe boating is causing erosion. I think it's safe to say that storms are the reason for a majority of the erosion seen on the river.

Thank you for you time.

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