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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

Good evening,

I writing in strong opposition to Measure 1590, which would repeal all of the measures enacted by SB 1589 to protect the Willamette River from oversized wakeboats in the Newberg Pool (roughly from the Willamette Falls up to Yamhill).

SB 1589 was enacted after noting clear evidence of the environmental damage wrought by these large wakeboats, especially to the water quality, the shallows along the shorelines, and the shoreline itself, in terms of markedly increased turbidity, degradation of aquatic environment of the small fish and wading birds who populate the shallows, and erosion of the banks (scarping is the term I believe, which leads to collapse of the riverbanks). SB 1589 represents the best of who we are as Oregonians - people who protect our beautiful environmental resources.

The Newberg Pool should be preserved from such degradation and protected from these large boats and the damage they wreak. If individuals wish to wakeboat, they may follow the current limits in weight sizes, register their boats, and follow current laws and guidelines.

In evaluating this measure, please consider who we are as Oregonians, and the legacy we shall leave our descendants as rational stewards of the Willamette and our other rivers .

Thank you,

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