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On Behalf Of:

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Good morning. My name is Darren Holsey. I support SB 1590.

I am a 22-year riverfront homeowner on the Willamette River in Wilsonville. I am smack-dab in the middle of the Newberg Pool just west of I-5 and the Boones Ferry Marina.

Ever since 2005, I have been part of the ongoing rules process of the Marine Board (sitting on more than one of their working groups) and now dealing with the Legislature over this past few years regarding the usage of the Newberg Pool. Being so intimately involved for all this time, my family and I have worked within the rules the Marine Board created for tow zones, special rules for boating in the Newberg Pool and an endorsement process that boats wanting to tow riders had to obtain.

To follow these rules, I had gotten the endorsement stickers through the OSMB for my 2016 Malibu on two prior occasions (2020 and 2022). In both years, I did receive my endorsement stickers because my boat was under the weight limits as equipped (dry weight plus factory ballast).

Now in 2024, I'm being denied my endorsement stickers for my boat because apparently after owning it now for 8 years, it all of a sudden got heavier. The OSMB says that because my boat can have aftermarket ballast added that it is now considered to be over the weight limit even though it is the same limit in effect as 2022.

This is akin to denying someone an automobile registration just because their car could be equipped with nitrous oxide - even if it isn't.

Please support SB1590! Thank You.