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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

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Regarding Residents and Recreations of the Willamette River (Newberg Pool)

I am a resident of Wilsonville, OR for the past 12 years. I've been enjoying the Willamette river with my family for over 15 years. It's a highlight of living in my location! I am testifying to support a reviewal of the Committee on natural resources and wildfire regarding boating regulations on the Willamette. Our family has been affected by having to sell our current boat to even be able to enjoy the water we have for a dozen years. We had a family boat that we enjoyed tubing, wakeboarding, and floating around. After the law passed, we weren't even able to take out the kids on a tube. It obviously impacted us being able to recreate together, but rather it was disruptive as an inequitable law. When a small percentage of the population make the choice for the greater whole to their benefit, is inequitable.

The study that was quoted in order to put this law into action was conducted on a static body of water, a lake, rather than a river. If this was an honest representation of shore erosion within the ever-changing river it would be helpful to reconsider boating regulations. Those that enjoy the Willamette River, and want to for generations to come, would welcome an honest and helpful conversation about boating regulations. Passing laws in a silo is never helpful to the whole.

Would you please reconsider the study quoted in order to put this law into effect? Is this an actual concern for the Willamette River (Newberg pool) area?

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your time and attention to details would be highly appreciated!

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