

Submitter: Susan Crow

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

We are homeowners in the Newberg pool who spent many hours and several years preparing a bill that was passed to help protect our damaged docks, our eroded banks, and our families who were thrown from docks by huge waves due to wake-surfing. The environmental impact on fish and wildlife is very well documented. Until the bill passed, it was impossible to swim, canoe, kayak, and paddleboard. The River is very narrow in so many places and the damage to properties and more importantly people was frightening. We are so lucky to live in this beautiful state where water activities are supposed to be available to all not just a few who wish to surf. The science that has been provided and the number of states that have used all the information compiled to help mitigate identical experiences on rivers and lakes across the country.

Following the passage of the bill, things improved although we were told that the Sheriff was short-staffed and they did their best to educate boaters of the new rules to protect all.

Bert Krages did an incredible job providing videos and scientific information from studies that hopefully you will revisit before you revise or revoke a bill that is protecting the humans, the delicate balance of fish and wildlife, the properties including the docks, and the enjoyment of the river by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan and Michael Crow