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I would like to submit my support for SB1590. Public access to recreation on the Willamette River is so important to my family's well-being and enjoyment. We enjoy safe and regulated towed water sports. Providing designated areas for these activities in the Newberg pool will not only provide protection against erosion but improve the safety of the river by eliminating the current congestion of traffic relegated to the downtown Portland area. Waves created by boats from a safe distance do not significantly impact shorelines according to peer-reviewed scientific studies. There are areas of the Newberg pool that can safely accommodate these types of sports that do not affect erosion or disrupt property owners. Let's consider standardized dry boat weight limits and areas of the river for wake sports, so Oregon families can once again use this amazing public resource.