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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider this my written support for SB 1590. As someone who deeply enjoys the Willamette Valley and the bodies of water within it as well as the family time I've enjoyed on the rivers I would ask that this testimony be considered. Here are some considerations:

SB 1590 will increase public access to towed water sports for hundreds of families along the Newberg Pool. This includes restoring carefully planned zones by the OSMB, shaped with input from diverse river stakeholders including small businesses, environmentalists and homeowners. These zones ensure safety for river users and the environment by limiting towed water sports to suitable areas.

There is no empirical evidence or peer-reviewed study that links the current restrictions to having any positive effect on fish populations. Wake sports largely take place in the summer, outside of key migratory or spawning months. Studies show that wake boats waves, when operated at least 200 feet from shore, do not carry enough energy to have a significant impact on most shorelines.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of this.

Thanks,

Derek