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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

I opposed SB1590. This bill wants to remove good law that were put in place to protect people and property in the Newberg Pool area of the Willamette. We have already gone through this. The Newberg Pool is too small and congested to handle towed water sports by the large surf boats. The wakes generated by these boats disrupt the safety of other motorized and non motorized boating activities. It is a law that you are responsible for your wake yet, surf boats by their size in nature disrupt, cause damage and create hazards to boaters, land and docks making it unsafe for others in all Oregon waters. The average navigatable width on the Willamette doesn't allow for one to surf with the allowable distance from docks, homes, and other boaters. The large donations by the boat dealers to elect officials that will help these law to be repealed should be banned as well.