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The upper Willamette is too narrow for large wakes. One could argue that that whole section could be a no wake zone.

The current weight limit was a compromise to an absolute wake ban. The current weight limit aligns with the heaviest of boats that were operating in that area when all ballasting was banned in 2009. That was the time period that erosion became very noticeable by riverfront home owners.

So the ban was put in place to slow down the erosion. There were hardly any boats over 5000 pounds when the ballasting ban was put in place.

That's the compromise, allowing boats that weigh 5500 pounds to still tow, and disallow boats that have been manufactured since 2009 that also weigh in at much heavier weights.

I oppose any legislature that would allow a roll back to basically no weight limits or ballast limits.

Thanks for your support, NO on SB1590

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