

Submitter: Scott Anderson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

My name is Scott Anderson. My wife and I live on the Willamette River in the area considered the Newberg Pool. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF SB301. We are active users of the Willamette River "or we were " with our family. We support responsible boating and other activities that people participate in on the Willamette River. We are in full support of annual certifications that would require boaters to earn the certificates that permit them to be boating on the river and a special certification for towed water sports. These certifications require testing and they cost a fee) it raises money for the Marine board. Our years of observing the river and people recreating on it make us feel that the Sheriffs that patrol the Willamette river do a fantastic job of enforcing the rules of the river and enforcing responsible boating. We support more Sheriffs on the river to enforce safe Boating and adherence to the rules of the river. We have lived on the river for 20 years and rarely see bad boaters that break the law on the river or endanger others. The ones who do should have their boater licenses suspended or revoked.

Please vote in favor of getting rid of the current draconian regulations that prevent the majority responsible of boat owners from recreating on the river by imposing targeted weight limits on boats that effectively eliminate the majority of boats on the river from participation in the tow sports that they were purchased for.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Scott Anderson