

RE: Support of HB 2352

Dear Chair Wiff and Members of the Committee,

I am in support of HB 2352.

During the past five years there have been growing issues in the Newberg Pool on the Willamette River between wake boats, non-motorized boaters, and homeowners concerning the increased surfing wakes and the resulting effects shore line, docks and safety of persons on docks.

This January the OSMB enacted new rules for this area of the river. Clearly the changes are significant and additional boater education is critical for the towed water sports enthusiasts to be aware of. Changes in regulations in areas of congestion, such as the Newberg Pool, without proper education and enforcement can produce conflict between users that benefits no one.

HB 2352 will bring focused boater education for towed water sports, licensing of towed sports operators, signage of restricted areas, collection of data for future improvements and tools to help the OSMB in future decisions about this section of the river. It will also make the job of law enforcement easier, as a licensed towed sports boater will have proper knowledge of current regulations.

I strongly urge your support of HB 2352. We need the education, licensing, data collection and signage provided for in this bill to enable Oregonians to better share the river with multiple users.

**Suzanne Brown
Butteville Resident**

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