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I have lived in Milwaukie Oak Grove area since 2001 on the lower willamette river across from George Rodgers park. I was born in the Portland area and have lived here my entire life.

I too have experienced minor damage over the years due mostly to impacts of debris coming down the river in the spring run off impacting my floats on the dock. As a owner of river front property I see this damage as a maintenance issue over the years of having a floating dock on the River. I do not own the river and do my part to make sure I keep in mind there are others on the river as well. Because I live near a very active summer park I have witnessed near drownings and saved several swimmers without life preservers on trying to swim across the river. There is definitely a need for more enforcement of safety and education.

Unfortunately, just because you pass a online class, that does not make you understand the hazards and risks of the river. I believe all that use the waterways should be required to have education even if they are non-motorized. This would help with preventing some of the accidents that happen.

In regards to erosion control, I do not see this being a issue that is caused by boating. There would be far greater concern if any of it from the amount of debris coming down the river during high waters and flooding. Unfortunately rather than addressing the issues at had from lack of education and requirements of all that use the water ways it appears as though some are trying to use the erosion card rather than focusing on making the water enjoyable for all.

I have been to a few of the meetings and feel they have been less balanced in testimony and have spoken with many people who boat and enjoy the water as well, that do not even know these bills are even in the works. It would be nice to be able to notify all oregonians of the potential impact so they can have input as well.

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