

Dear Committee. I live on Lake Oswego and one of the greatest things that the Lake Oswego homeowners did was set a weight limit for boats. Frankly, it's a safety issue as much as anything else. I have no idea why the opponents of this bill keep saying that it will take away family fun. I'll tell you what's not fun: trying to keep aligning your normal size boat against those huge wakes so as to not take in water over the bow, trying to paddle board without falling down, trying to water ski without crashing, or trying to pull your kids on a tube without them screaming for their dear lives. If the people on the Willamette river want to be inclusive and increase family fun, they would be well advised to do what we did and set a weight limit.

To imply that wealthy waterfront owners have some kind of vendetta against these boaters is bull. Everybody just wants to enjoy the water without the conflict that these boats cause. Boats that cost upwards of \$100,000, by the way, so who really are the wealthy elite that want to exclude others? Please support HB 2725, families will thank you.