

I support HB 2725

I hope you and others aren't misled by the statements that say that this bill will ban towed watersports from the Upper Willamette. The people that are complaining that they will be unable to tow their kid on a tube with their \$100,000 boat could actually buy a less expensive boat with the same size footprint that holds just as many people and take that extra money and stimulate the economy that they are so afraid will be decimated.

This bill does not force families off the river. It does force boats that have thousands of pounds of extra weight to not tow in this one area.

My family spent years enjoying the river with boats weighing well less than 4000 pounds, tubing with our kids all day long.

We are a middle class family that can afford a new boat in the more reasonable range of \$40,000. It's hard to sympathize with those people who can afford

any price boat complaining that they can't go tubing with their kids. Yes they can, this bill does not restrict the towing, it restricts the weight.