

I am writing in support of HB 2555

1)Recreational Activity of the Financially Elite Prohibits Enjoyment of General Public Users of the Waterway- The heavy wake board boats are dominating the Willamette River/ Newberg Pool eliminating safety and practicality for all other water activities in their path. Families/ persons cannot enjoy the water for paddle craft, fishing, accessing via the shore, or public docks due to the wave energy churning the river. These boats are affordable to affluent persons who can finance \$100,000- \$200,000 for their recreational water sport. Oregon's legislative focus on equity for all persons to access these public waterways points to the fact that the recreational hobby of the most financially capable to purchase these craft is eliminating useful access for the general population who cannot afford this activity nor can they recreate amongst these boats' churn of the waterway.

2)Damage to Agricultural Producers along the River: Of specific interest to the focus of the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee- Please note that the wave energy produced by these heavy boats are eroding the Willamette Valley's valuable farmland, eliminating the agricultural riparian buffer, and un-priming/ damaging river irrigation systems in the Newberg Pool resulting in costly repairs/ replacement for local producers.