

I am strongly opposed to HB 2725. As a native Oregonian I have been boating responsibly on the Upper Willamette River for over 22 years. Boating responsibly on the Willamette River has been my husband's and I favorite activity to do together and is a major part of our bond. We now have been passing on the tradition with our four children, and is the most important part of our summer together. Boating on the river has never felt safer and more sustainable than it has now with the new boating regulations - including the towers license and recent activity zoning. We spend over 150 hours on the river each year, and I can say from boots on the ground that the vast majority of boaters respect and abide by the guidelines. If there are concerns, I would plead for enforcement of the current guidelines. Please, please do not take away our family's boating rights. It really has vast and great implications!!!
Respectfully, Stephanie and Conley Bergh (and family)