

I oppose all the HB on this subject (HB2555, HB2734, HB2725, HB2777). More enforcement is needed as newer boaters just don't have the knowledge of the rules of being respectful. All of the proposed changes to the boating community and Willamette River are for property owners and paddle boarders benefits. There I am sure is a way for all to be able to share the river respectfully. Yes, the local repair facilities will be affected negatively if the proposed changes are implemented, to consider taking away boaters rights during a pandemic is a ridiculous idea, the impact alone on the local businesses will be significant. Also as a native Oregonian I have been boating responsibly on the Upper Willamette River for over 30 years. Boating responsibly on the Willamette River has been my family's favorite activity to do together and is a major part of our lives. 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 100 hours on the river each year, and I can say from what I have seen is 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 any persons boating rights. It really does have great implications on people's rights and the economy!