

There is conflicting or insufficient evidence that the 4,000 weight limit will do any good, there are numerous ways around it with removable liquid ballast, variable pitch wake modification fins, as well as others. Furthermore, a weight limit may be meaningless without speed restrictions, and considering hull designs. The wake provided by nearly all watercraft that would tow recreators is far below what is allowable from fishing boats, tugs, barges, or the same boat that is not towing a recreator. This is a direct attack on the freedoms of a large group of Oregonians by a select few, as well as a substantial devaluation of an industry and personally owned assets. Targeted no-wake zones could more directly solve the concerns at hand than a wholesale restriction based entirely on weight. It is appalling that this deeply flawed piece of legislature has made it this far.