

I am a lifelong resident of Portland and have enjoyed watersports on the Willamette River for more than 30 years with my family. One of the greatest privileges for residents living in and around the Portland metropolitan area is the accessibility of outdoor recreation, including the use of the Willamette River ("River") for watersports. The proposed bill, which limits the size of recreational towboats on the River will (allegedly) benefit only a few, if any, while restricting access to watersports on the River for thousands. In a time where social gatherings are limited and gyms are closed, the River has been and continues to be a safe outlet for outdoor activity among close family and friend units. In addition, local businesses that rely on powered watersports will be undoubtedly be negatively impacted by restrictions imposed on towboats. This legislation is anti-family, anti-business, and anti-Portland, and I strongly oppose the bill.

Regards,

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