

I want to state my opposition to this HB 2555. I am a user of the river who has used the Willamette river as a paddler and a boater and I do not like how this house bill is being discriminatory against one particular group. There have been changes to how boating on the upper Willamette has progressed over the years and I feel that the boating community is willing to work with the opposition to find solutions for all. With the changes that have been made recently with the towed watersports endorsement and restricting where wake sports can take place I feel that this has made access to the river much better and I feel this is the best path forward to continue to have access for all and not to take away access from one specific group. I do not feel that there has been enough due diligence done by the opposition to specifically state that wake boats are the reason for the erosion and not enough time or studies have been done to show that the existing restrictions on boating activities is hurting the banks of the river.

I hope that you consider my testimony and all of the other testimony in opposition of this house bill.

Thank you for your time.

Paul