

I am in strong opposition to this bill. I have been enjoying the Newberg Pool stretch of the Willamette River since 2003. I regularly swim, paddle, kayak, ski, wakeboard, and surf on the river. I appreciate the zones that have been created in the last year. I would love to see more enforcement of the current rules on the river. I am on the river several days/week and I see very little enforcement. I also see that for the vast majority of the time, the river is pretty empty of boats of all kinds. Only on hot summer weekends does it get crowded. This measure lacks any common sense and science, and it would be a travesty if it were to pass. If the current rules were enforced, there would be nothing to complain about. I listened to the 3 hours of testimony yesterday, and all those in favor of this bill would/should have no issue if the current rules were actually enforced. Let's focus on that rather than a broad ban which will have far reaching negative impacts on so many sectors, including Oregon families. Thank you.