

This law is very biased and does not take into account all the others that benefit from motorboats and watersports. I've grown up in Oregon my entire life, and the Willamette has always been cherished as a wonderful place to go. Banning usage is so unfair and unjust to all who have used this waterway forever. The Willamette is home for us fellow boaters, and taking that away is unjust. Oregon has already suffered and continues to suffer from this pandemic, and the fact that a small group of individuals want to rip away one of the only safe and socially distanced activities is astonishing. This bill will ruin more homegrown Oregon businesses and run them to the ground. This bill doesn't even acknowledge the water sport and boating community. I've seen this community firsthand and it breaks my heart knowing this law could ruin and completely shatter the lives of this community. This community has so much love and respect for the willamette, and taking that away is inhumane. The amount of business that Oregon will lose if this law is passed is ridiculous. The willamette is the backyard for every Oregonian and should be shared by everyone. Removing watersports and wakeboats will remove a whole community that cherish that waterway and have been using that waterway for ages. Watersports have been enjoyed on this river for such a long time, and taking that right away from fellow Oregonians is just absurd. Oregon has such short summers, and each summer the watersport and wakeboat community only gets such a short time to enjoy the beauty the river has to offer. Mine and so many others summers and early fall completely revolve around the river and being able to enjoy it with family and friends. Taking away the watersport and wakeboat community is despicable, considering we love the river just as much (if not more) than anyone else that uses it.