

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources -

I'm writing in support of HB 2555. It appears from all the chatter on this bill that both sides are requesting scientific data and this bill is calling for just. The bill recommends increasing the weight limit of recreational boats only if the Oregon State Marine Board finds through a scientific study that the increased weight of boats operating in the Newberg Pool will not lead to further damage on the embankments or to the nearshore habitat. Having the weight limit set at 4000 lbs now, will help curtail the damage being done presently while the OSMB determines where they will find funding for a study and what the permittees are to make it unbiased. This is a commonsense approach to resolving this problem permanently. Let's quit wasting everyone's time and get to the bottom of this with an actual number defining what type of wave energy can the embankments of the Newberg Pool handle.