

## **House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources**

### **Regarding HB 2695**

Hello, my name is Eric Lintner. I have lived on the Willamette River just west of Wilsonville since 1987. During that time, I've enjoyed many forms of watersports, including mainly waterskiing and kayaking, but also wakeboarding and wake surfing. In this time, I have seen quite a change in the boats used and the wakes created.

I have a few points I would like to make:

- Please look around the world and notice the issues created by large wakesports boats. This is not unique to Oregon.
- The manufacturers are encouraging sales, as there are large profit margins in these boats.
- Many regulatory bodies, unlike the OSMB have membership with expertise and concern for areas like habitat, shoreline erosion, fishing, public lands management, property rights, etc. Our Marine Board does not. It is not surprising that the OSMB typically caters to those paying their salaries (boat owners) and only deals with other issues very reluctantly. This needs to change.

I was involved in this issue 10-15 years ago when the first Marine Board administrative rules were made in an attempt to mitigate the effect of wake sports in the Newberg Pool. Those rules were not enforced and the boats continue to grow. The damage is accelerating. Please vote to broaden the perspective of the Oregon State Marine Board by approving HB 2695. This will encourage decisions to be more balanced.

Thank you  
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