

Against HB 2725!

This bill would unnecessarily ban most boats from towing tubers, water skiers, wakesurfers, and wakeboarders along 20 miles of the Willamette River. These restrictions come at a time when Oregonians are relying on safe, socially distant activities, like those on the water. Furthermore, the completely biased opinion of both Representative Witt and the "scientists" that HE hired, is offensive.

These proposed laws are needlessly punitive. They would set a 4,000-pound maximum weight for any boat used for towing, which essentially bans all wakesurfing and many boats from any towing at all. This isn't about wakesurfing or families going tubing – it is about a few homeowners and others setting up their own private river.

The restrictions would come on top of three massive restrictions passed in the last year – a requirement that wakesurf boat operators take a safety course every year, a ban on wakesurfing on all but three miles of Newberg Pool, and a full ban on wakesurfing in the lower Willamette just south of Portland.

Every Oregonian should have access to the Willamette River. Homeowners and boaters alike would welcome more on-water law enforcement, not increased restrictions.

For a community that supports nearly 6,000 jobs and contributes \$1.6 billion in annual economic impact to the state, we urge you to support the recreational boating community by opposing HB 2725!!