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To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2734] NO MORE TAXES OF ANY KIND. Check-out Admiralty Law.

[HB 2734]: Would enact a discriminatory tax foisted upon the "Wake Boat" community and will do absolutely nothing to solve the problems created by irresponsible boaters (water skiers, et cetera).

AND...would enact discriminatory restrictions on "Wake Boat's" activities on Oregon's rivers to appease one segment of those wanting to pursue water sports and or water sports businesses.

On the other side,

"Waves" created by irresponsible boaters (water skiers, et cetera) can "swamp" kayaks and throw paddle boarders into the drink thereby, causing significant health related dangers (drowning, head and neck injuries).

The damage to riverfront properties can be significant.

Modifications and or Amendments to erosion control laws are badly needed and unacceptably, overdue.

The force and duration of the waves also cause significant damage and constant maintenance to wooden docks.

Increased Marine Patrols will be prohibitively expensive especially, to poor counties such as Yamhill County.

***Here is an idea you can banter about the hallowed halls of the capital; any "Navigable waterway" in the United States of America, is under Admiralty Law.

All violations go to United States District Court.

Admiralty Law is enforced by the United States Coast Guard.

Ask the United States Coast Guard for assistance and participation to construct an acceptable solution.

The solution must treat everyone, equally under the law.

*[HB 2734] if passed into law, is going to create more serious problems in its' "wake."

*[HB 2734] does not have any Revenue or Impact Statements and "No" Budget Report. Why?

*[HB 2734] does not appropriate any revenue to support the study required of the Marine Board. Why?

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the Marine Board.

You should pay them more, they're worth it.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David S. Wall

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