

I'm writing to testify in opposition to 2555 and 2725.

I'm a native Oregonian. Boating has been a part of my family's life, whether sports and recreation, or fishing, for decades. My wife and I made a move closer to the Willamette River and bought a 15 year old boat specifically to be closer to the activities we love, which include family water sports. Unfortunately, given the proposed rules, my 4,007 lb boat will be banned from operating towed water sports, and consequently annual family and friends safe summer fun on the Willamette.

It is unclear to me what indisputable scientific results lead to the 4,000lb threshold for towed sports. There are an abundance of sources of erosion on all Oregon rivers, which do include boat wake sources, however, damage to home-owners' poorly designed docks and DIY and natural shorelines cannot be solely tied to boat wakes without much more research than what has been provided to date. Please review decisions that work in the best interest for all involved, rather than a select few homeowners.

Also, in regard to the March 9 hearing, it was disturbing to see the lack of the committee's preparation for the meeting knowing that hundreds of people had signed up to share live testimony. There were technical difficulties in showing the two very bias videos in support of the two Bills, which took away valuable time from public testimony.

Thank you.