

This bill should have been about Covid-19, homelessness, wildfire recovery, and rioting in Portland. Instead you are focusing and wasting time on something that is not an issue. Let's focus on the mismanagement of shore vegetation and upland landscaping being the real cause of larger scale erosion. Where the trees and shore vegetation have been removed you can expect an issue eventually.

Towed water sports is a family activity that people can still do in today's day and age of social isolation. This bill would take away one of the main summer family activities.

The period of time that most boaters go out, excluding fishing boats, is between June and September; that is not even half the year. Not to mention the jobs you will be eliminating from small local businesses that rely on the river and the members of this community that go to the Willamette to enjoy boating.

There are far bigger issues legislature should be focusing on than taking a safe activity away from families and money away from local businesses.