

I'm writing in support of HB 2725.

After reviewing several videos and analyzing photographs taken near the embankments of the Newberg Pool, it is clear that summer time erosion is occurring at the "high wave mark", not the high water mark as so many are trying to claim. It doesn't take a scientist to understand this type of erosion is occurring from wake boats operating in the Newberg Pool. I have spoken with several people who have lost embankments at the high wave mark and it's devastating for them and their families. Supporting HB 2725 will bring relief to these families who are not doing anything to cause the damage but taking all the financial loss. Should the groups opposing HB 2725 not take some responsibility for their actions? Should they not take a very long and thoughtful look at what is really happening as seen in video and photos? This is a problem that is not only happening in the Newberg Pool but across the country, so there is plenty information to analyze and once you do, you can't deny the implications.

More importantly, the health of rivers such as the Willamette River are suffering from the environmental impacts of wake boats. These rivers have no voice nor money and they need you to support HB 2725. Please pass this bill!

Thank you