

I vehemently oppose Oregon House bills 2725 and 2555. If passed these bills would have detrimental effect on my business, our employees and our customers. If passed we would most likely have to layoff employees and some of them would quickly turn houseless adding to the current houseless crisis in our area.

Of the 33 new boat models that we sell, only 2 would fall under the 4,000 lbs. law! That is only 6% of the new boat models that we sell!

I also oppose Chair Witt's handling of the public testimony for these bills. He biased public testimony in favor of the bills when clearly the majority of the public testimony waiting to be heard was in opposition. My business partner Pat McDonald was not allowed to speak virtually by Chair Witt on two occasions. Our business stands to lose the most, yet Pat McDonald's voice was not heard.

Further, I am deeply offended by Chair Witt's recent "Russian Trolls" remarks. I demand that he be stripped of all of his committee responsibilities and that he resigns immediately.

I have a BS in Biology degree. There has been public comment and anecdotal science related to these bills, but to this day there has not been an erosion study specific to the Willamette River and boat wakes. Even in Dr. McFarlane's public testimony he stated that there isn't a clear erosion (or ecological) study related to boat wakes and the banks of the Willamette River. Let's do a specific study before we make unnecessary laws.