

I strongly oppose HB 2755. The act of removing citizens' rights before research is a dangerous precedent for this committee. We keep hearing about research and simply, the science on this body of water does not exist. The "prized" research being touted stems from other countries as well as materials and unsubstantiated photos supplied by Travis Williams (Willamette River Keeper) and a group of private homeowners looking to privatize their water access. The Willamette river should not become a country club to those extremist groups who seek to deceive and hoodwink our government officials. Enough is enough and please start asking the critical questions to see through the manufactured, manipulative propaganda.

In addition, this Special Session was called to address critical aspects of our state operations: COVID-19, wildfire impact and racial equity and none of these topics were addressed. This is a clear bait and switch by special interest groups who look to capitalize on a lower awareness boating public. Where is the focus of our legislature at such a trying time for its citizens?

Please, vote no and let's explore a more inclusive, more-prepared and validated plan before stripping your citizens' rights.