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I oppose HB2734

One of the problems I see with this bill is the definition of a wake boat. It doesn't take very much horsepower to engage in wake boarding. A person new to the sport will learn more quickly behind a boat not making a large wake. Wakeboards have a large surface area making it easy for a person to get on plane at a very low speed. Most boats made could qualify as a wake boat. Who makes the decision which boats to tax? I see fishing boats pulling wakeboarders...will you tax them?

Another problem I see is the intent of this bill. The persons behind this bill appear to be wanting to shut down an activity. I think it will make it become an exclusive club. I see people buying riverfront property who build a new home, install a new dock costing \$150,000 or more, buying a new wake sport boat which cost \$150,000 or more, buying vehicle to tow the boat, paying for all the current fees and getting the extra tags. This excise tax isn't going to discourage them.

The money from the tax is going to be used for law enforcement? They don't enforce the current rules dealing with wake sports.

Dump this bill.

Regards,

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