

I'm writing to oppose to 2555 and 2725.

First, I'd like to express my concerns for the bias nature the public hearing was conducted in last night. I do not believe that 20+ minutes of testimony should have been allocated to a private citizen with no professional expertise on the matter.

I'm a native Oregonian. Boating is a cherished tradition that has been passed down in my family from generation to generation.

I've built much of my life around boating on the Willamette. I recently bought a home specifically to be a ten minute drive from a local dock. And I've worked hard to buy ski boat that my family lives on in the summer, especially during COIVD.

My affordable 15 year old ski boat weights 4,077 pounds. These rules ban me from taking my son and nephews even tubing on the river.

I urge our legislators to not rush into creating rules that will devastate hundreds of local families including mine. Boaters care deeply about river safety and the environment. That's why we are calling for scientific studies to be done first to determine if more limits make sense. That hasn't been done yet. We also need increased education and enforcement on the river.

Especially in 2021, lets not kick families of the river and jeopardize good jobs that are supported by recreational boating without having the facts to prove that it's necessary.

Thank you to the committee for the opportunity to comment.