

# Rocky ★ Pointe

## Marina · Boatyard

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SB 859 Testimony Stan Tonneson

Thank you, Chair Wagner and members of this committee, for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 859.

My name is Stan Tonneson and my wife, and I own Rocky Pointe Marina on the Multnomah Channel. I am very involved in the waterfront and boating community and I am the author of SB 740, the predecessor to SB 859 that we are considering today.

The existing ADV fund at the Marine Board has been capped at \$150,000 for more than 10 years. In 2011, when my wife was appointed to the Board of the Marine Board, there were fewer than a dozen ADV boats.

Today, there are close to 200 ADV's in the greater Metro area. The Marine Board with the combined resources of DSL, does a good job with their limited funding cleaning up over 40 boats last year. However, the problem continues to grow, and they need more funding.

Our local boating community represented by WOOO and CRYA with over 7500 boaters is willing to have a geographical fee put on their boat registrations to fund the increased Marine Board ADV account. We will be working on this fee for the 2022 legislative session with Senator Taylor. Our boating groups will **not** support any reduction in the Marine Board law enforcement budget to fill this account.

What we need now is passage of SB 859 as the first step in cleaning up our waterways.

Thank you for your consideration.