

I am submitting testimony to oppose SV 857. This legislation is born out of special interest agendas and is not representative of the community at large.

The Willamette river has been and should continue to be a place that allows people to enjoy water sports. Having access to such amazing waterways that are big enough to boat on and tow-behind is one of the amazing features of Oregon in general. Taking away those rights isn't fair to those who are trying to enjoy what our beautiful state has to offer.

Our waterway policies should be grounded in solid research and favor the general public, not select waterfront homeowners and paddlers looking to eliminate motorized boating for their own personal, privileged gain. This bill will make our waterways less safe and negatively impact Oregon families and small businesses. The house already extensively debated this bill and did not move forward. I respectfully urge you to do the same.

For the sake of River City Boat Sales, and many other businesses like ours, please oppose SB 857.

Sincerely,

Kennedy Coleman