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RE: SB 857

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

I'm one of the northwest District Sales Managers for Yamaha Boats and an avid watersport's enthusiast myself. I've worked with many local dealers in and around Oregon whose customers rely on our boats for their families' fun on the water and this often times includes towed watersports. SB 857 would unfairly restrict these families from enjoying their boat and also impact the local dealerships and their staff whose business relies on selling these boats.

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 gain. Real studies should be conducted to determine the best ways to keep the river safe and healthy. Furthermore, the Newberg Pool is already one of the most regulated bodies of water in Oregon, and wake surfing is only allowed in two small zones with no adjacent homes.

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. Oregon needs our senators focused on COVID, economic recovery and getting our kids back in school. Please do not waste time on this unnecessary legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Thanks,

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