

I fully support the testimony of the Willamette Riverkeepers.
Please pass this bill out of committee.

Your support of SB 857 can:

Protect the Willamette River's nearshore habitat and species listed as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act.
Protect numerous homeowners who have documented damage to their boats, their docks, and shorelines due to artificial wave action.

Protect all other river users who are subject to the whims of these boaters. Swimmers, power boaters, paddlers, and those who fish have been threatened by these craft and have experienced well-documented incidents with damage to their craft, or they have been swamped by the artificial waves.

It is time for limits. The Willamette River and other waterways are not playthings they are part of our natural heritage and we must care for them.