

In support of SB857, there are many scientific studies that speak to the distance it takes for waves to dissipate, the erosion caused by large waves, the sediment that damages ecosystems. The opponents have no science, they say there is no science, because they don't have any. But worse, they sometimes distort or take out of context other articles. One testimony just submitted quotes the "Willamette River Basin Challenge of Change" They quote a statement in that article that describes the change in a river due to the rise and fall of the river and flooding. However, on a previous page, the article states "from Newberg to the Columbia, the Willamette is confined to a basalt trench that limits its channel complexity and meanderings over time. The position of the river channel in this reach is today ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL TO THE RIVER IN 1850." Dr. Lomonaco stated in his expert testimony "rapid change is human, otherwise it would have reached equilibrium over the hundred years". Believe the science, not the people who are not scientists.