

I along with my husband support passage of this bill to protect our state treasure, the Willamette River. We have been on the river for the past 21 years, and have enjoyed the river as Oregonians decades before we moved to our home on Butteville Rd. Years ago, I supported the work of Governor McCall as we Oregonians launched the restoration of the Willamette River from industrial pollutants.

The Willamette River became healthy again following our actions. Today, the river and the wildlife and fish that need the river to survive, thrive and shelter are in danger. 21 years ago, many waterskied behind boats and were also towed by fast moving ski boats, not boats plowing through the water creating artificial waves. Many of our properties including the state properties nearby in all of the public landings, have experienced yearly damage costing thousands of dollars as well as landslides due to the impact of these large waves.

No longer can people easily waterski, swim, row, kayak, and float on a river that was decreed for the enjoyment of all. Many including myself have been thrown from our docks by large waves washing over our docks. Many boats, boatlifts, and docks that have not sustained damage from winter rains and rising river, find themselves trying to continually fix damage due to the waves.

I'm not educated in physics but the studies submitted by the experts explain what is happening. Oregon has set the bar during my lifetime for being leaders in protecting our environment and especially our fish and wildlife.

We need your action and support now to not protect the humans and the fragile ecosystem now in danger.

Respectfully,

Susan and Michael Crow