

I am submitting my opposition to SB 857.

This bill will net a deterioration in the safety and equity of Oregon boating. Not only is it based on no real evidence, it will force participators of towed water sports to small sections of the river, and the already overcrowded Hagg Lake. This will inevitably result in an increase in boating accidents, which will in turn be used to justify an all-out ban on these sports. By not passing this bill and instead instilling more educational requirements for boaters, we can increase safety on the water, help the economy that revolves around these sports, and maintain the equality of usage on the Willamette.