

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.

My husband and I just moved in the area and bought a new boat so we can safely gather outdoors and get some fun exercise in. We are avid wakesurfers who are very respectful of the people around us. We are now concerned we won't be able to practice our favourite sport and are also concerned for the businesses that will lose many clients, like the marinas, boat stores, gas stations, etc. We're hoping we can all get along and practice safely such a great outdoor activity in this beautiful region!

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.

Sincerely,
Audrey