

Senator Wagner and committee members -

I am writing to express my support of SB 857. This bill is imperative to increasing the health of the Willamette River and specifically the Newberg Pool. As a farmer in the area, the importance of a water system being given the utmost care by our state is imperative. Wake boats and their unnatural waves produce visual and undeniable sedimentation in the summer. I'm sure wake boating is fun and families enjoy their time together, but at what cost to the river? The cost is a death my a thousand cuts. Can these families not have fun on a smaller boat that doesn't cause the type of damage these boats cause? The answer is yes, they can. Families have enjoyed the Willamette River for over 100 years on smaller boats.

I urge you to support SB 857.

Thanks -

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