

I am writing in support of SB 857. After listening in on the hearing yesterday, I can see that this bill needs your support because regulating boats to be less than 4000 lbs in the Newberg Pool is a reasonable way to manage the problem of artificial wave energy. There are many areas or states grappling with this concept because of the unprecedented damage wake boats are causing to natural shorelines. There has been scientist, engineers and environmentalist all calling for action on this issue. Regardless of the many detractions the boating community is putting out in the media, such as there is no science, the science is simple - Big waves are more damaging than small waves that produce this energy. It's my understanding that currently, only 38 boats moored in the Newberg Pool are over 4000 lbs. When considering this bill, ask yourself, is it worth 38 families fun on a big boat while compromising an already fragile ecosystem?

Thanks for your consideration -

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