

To: Senate Rules Committee, Subject line: Support SB 857-1

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. I appreciate the opportunity to speak up about something which impacts me and my family personally.

Over the years we have enjoyed boating on Portland's beautiful waterways. We have taken out friends and visitors in our kayaks to see the magnificent views which juxtapose cityscapes and nature. I have also had the privilege of padding in dragon boats and rowing with the Station L club.

Everyone should have the opportunity to experience the Portland waterways as a safe environment. Small boats, such as kayaks or rowing singles, are particularly vulnerable to conditions on the water. Boaters can make the decision to stay off the water when current or wind is strong – but we cannot control the behavior of others on the water.

Legislation, policy, and rules which protect those in small boats creates a respectful framework of sharing the water resources for all. Allowing boats motorized boats of 10,000 pounds in the Willamette Greenway/Newberg Pool areas creates a hazard to those in small boats and the peaceful, secluded spaces not accessible by car, foot or bike.

Please support SB 857-1. Thank you.

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