

Thank you for continuing to move this important piece of legislation forward.

Limits are needed on boating activities that adversely affect the Willamette River, and in this instance, in the Newberg Pool. Bank erosion is a continuing problem, and minimizing damage to the banks will help protect fish, other animals, and aquatic and riparian vegetation. In addition, limiting boat weight will help balance the needs of the entire boating community, including non-motorized craft. Contrary to what opponents of this bill claim, this measure will not eliminate motor boat activity in this area. It will just provide a more reasonable limit on wake boat weight and will go a long way to protecting natural resources and recreational opportunities for all.

Thank you for your continued support of SB 857-1

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