

I am writing in support of HB 2725.

I've noticed that some people keep mentioning that the erosion on the upper Willamette is caused by the higher levels and faster moving waters in the non-summer months.

First of all, I congratulate them for admitting that there is erosion, but for them to surmise without any empirical evidence that the winter water flow causes erosion is absurd.

The river level in the winter is about 10 feet higher than in the summer and flows at a rate of about 3mph and nearly stagnate at the rivers edge. This does not cause erosion.

The erosion is caused by the undercutting of the bank caused by waves in the summer. These people have no idea what they are talking about. There are actual time lapse photos showing the empirical evidence that the bank is eroding in the summer. These photos have been submitted to the OSMB and various committees.

Please don't think that Oregon weather causes this erosion, it is man made.

Thank you for supporting this bill,

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