

I have been riverfront homeowner in Wilsonville for past 12 years. In addition to being an avid paddler, my family has enjoyed many years of participating safely in wake sports being towed by our +5000lb boat. I opposed SB 857 for the following reasons:

1) Limiting the access to wake sports will reduce the value of my property by limiting the number of future buyers, because the Newberg pool will become a "paddle and waterski only" body of water.

2) The Bill will make my current boat obsolete.

3) SB 857 unfairly discriminates against certain activities that proponents of the bill have falsely characterized as unsafe and environmentally unfriendly.

4) The current restrictions in the Newberg Pool (although discriminatory, waterskiing is exempt?), have struck a compromise that allows everyone to participate in their activity of choice.