

Please vote no on this bill. This is a direct attack on recreation in Oregon by a vocal minority who want exclusive use of one of Oregon's popular natural resources, the Willamette river. The proponents of this bill have used many misrepresentations to exclude the majority of recreation on the Willamette to have sole access to the river. This small but aggressive group wants to largely force recreating families and friends off the river. This group has promoted that wake sports causes erosion on the Willamette. I live on the Willamette with a dock and erosion occurs because of high, fast moving water in the large run-off months of the winter and spring, not in the high recreation times of the summer. In the winter high run-off times, the water is chocolate milk brown with eroded trees and foliage floating down the river. That does not occur in the recreation months but only in the high run-off months. Not only is this obvious to the most casual observer, I am a licensed civil engineer with training in water dynamics and even very elementary calculations show run-off erosive energy to be thousands of times greater than the erosive energy of even the largest recreational boats on the river. Say no to these people and their false claims for the exclusive and discriminatory use of the river and their attempts to chase families off of the river. I do not enjoy all types of recreation but I do enjoy watching other people having fun with their friends and family on the river with all forms of recreation, even those forms I do not enjoy or participate in. The courteous sharing of this natural resource has made it a fun place to recreate for many people. Please do not allow this to stop. Vote no on this bill. I live on the river and enjoy a wide variety of recreation there. I want to share that experience with other Oregonians who want to relax with their families and friends with all responsible forms of recreation, including wake sports. Vote no on this bill.