

I am writing to express my family's opposition to SB 857. It seems the main objective of SB 857 is to reduce environmental damage that is being observed on the Willamette in the Newberg Pool. From our research and experience this bill goes too far in removing families from enjoying the water without the concrete evidence of linking the activity to wildlife damage. By withholding a boats ability to get a towers license, you not only restrict their ability to wake surf, but also tube and water ski. Two water sports all family's of Oregon deserve the right to access to. Over the last two years the new zoning rules have been implemented. We are already now restricting which parts of the river certainly activities are allowed. We have not given any time to see and study the impact those new rules have. We would ask you to vote no on SB 857 and instead work on enforcing the current zoning rules and regulations. Our family has been boating safely and responsibility for over 20 years in the Newberg Pool. We ask you to please not take it away from us.