

Re: SB 857-A Support for legislative action for the Newberg Pool/ Willamette River.

Chair Smith-Wagner, Vice Chairs Drazen and Holvey, Committee Members, my name is Beth Biggs from Newberg, Oregon and I am testifying today to ask your support of SB 857-A.

I have been involved in protective policies for the Willamette River since 2008 serving in numerous citizen capacities for the Oregon State Marine Board- rules advisory committees and work groups. I have also been involved in networking with numerous scientists involved in the Newberg Pool issues as well as a number of not-for-profits with the Willamette River as their concern.

The Marine Board has failed as an agency to enact sufficient rules to mitigate the intense damage to the Newberg Pool of the Willamette River. Due to this agency failure the legislature needs to be involved to move protection forward. SB 857-1 is one step in that process to protect this valuable natural resource.

Thank you for your support of this legislation.

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