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I support this bill, specifically the education and weight limitations. I have owned boats and enjoyed Oregon's lakes and rivers for 35+ years. The purpose of these 'heavy' boats is to generate a non-natural wake/surface. Water is constantly moving and the ripple effects can travel several hundred feet. Imagine being in a kayak and suddenly a three foot wave is rolling towards you. The increased use of these heavy boats makes the waterways unusable/unenjoyable to most other water craft. There is a small percentage of these large boats, but a larger percentage of smaller craft on the water. The number of businesses that sell these large boats is small. The number of businesses that sell smaller craft is much, much larger, if the concern is of financial impact.

As for education and training, I am all for it. Even more in fact. Bi-annual renewals with continued education. Class training. Even boat ramp courtesy/operation.