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I am in my mid 70's and still enjoy our Oregon wilderness and being able to kayak in a safe and pleasant manner on local rivers near to home. There are many choice river miles along the Willamette in nearby Portland. However after viewing the video made by local resident, Bert Krages, which illustrates the problems and safety concerns generated by boats producing artificial waves on the Lower Willamette, I feel intimidated to venture out on this beautiful local river. Gone is the peace and quiet once enjoyed on this river. In addition, you can see the damage created by the wakes as they pound the shoreline. It is not rocket science to understand how this is impacting the large and small species, whether water fowl or land species, and disrupting their natural habitat as well as destroying the Willamette riverbanks. Is it not enough that we have invaded the shorelines with many homes, but now continue the damage with the unnaturalness of the large waves impacting the riverbanks due to noisy, disrespectful and arrogant watersport boaters.

**I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE WEIGHT REDUCTION ON BOATS USED FOR WATERSPORTS - SB 1589.**