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On Behalf Of: Willamette Riverkeeper
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure: SB1589

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a citizen of West Linn, Oregon, and am active in the community in support of conservation of our natural resources. I am an avid paddler, too.

Oregon's natural public areas (such as rivers, forests, parks, etc.) provide invaluable habitat for many plants and animals as well as an opportunity for outdoor recreation (fun activities as well as for solitude). These areas should be managed in a way that serves the best interest of the maximum number of people as well as animal and plant life. Forms of recreation conducted by the few and detract from the many can upset the balance between man and nature. Oversized tow-boats used for wake-board sports, in my opinion, fall squarely into this category. Their large wakes damage fragile shoreline ecosystems as well as private property (boat docks, etc.). I strongly support SB 1589 because it will limit the weight of such boats. It's an appropriate and much needed response to protect our rivers.

Respectfully,

Jeff Kohne

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- Tualatin Riverkeepers

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