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As an avid kayaker and stand-up paddle boarder, I support this bill. The Willamette is not very wide in most places, which means that wave-maker boats - while fun for the 4-6 passengers in the boat - are hurting the shoreline, the docks and property on or near the water, and certainly the many paddlers on the water these days. I have hunted for, and not found, statistics on the increase in volume of non-motorized crafts vs motorized craft in Oregon. But one simply has to visit any boat ramp in the Portland Metro area, on a Saturday or Sunday, to see that non-motorized craft now dominate the numbers. This is a wonderful trend! Human-powered craft don't pollute, are quiet, and don't damage wildlife habitats. Passing this bill will encourage this trend to continue, ensuring human enjoyment of the beautiful Willamette, whilst keeping property and wildlife safe. Thank you for your consideration!