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Measure: SB1589

I am in opposition of this bill for a couple reasons.

Reason number 1 pertains to the safety of all river users. The vast majority of boats on the river are currently over 5,000 lbs. Banning those boats in this area will not ban them from the river entirely, they will go elsewhere. Thus creating a far more crowded and potentially unsafe areas for all river users.

Reason number 2 pertains to the families that will lose a valuable way to spend family time. Banning these boats is not just kicking boats off the water, but kicking families off as well. I've grown up boating on the Willamette and many of my fondest childhood memories with my family involve boating on the Willamette.

The final, and third reason, pertains to small businesses. Many small businesses in the greater Portland area not just benefit from boating on the Willamette, but rely on it, especially in this area. Taking these boats away will be detrimental to local businesses.

Please consider this testimony. Again, I am in opposition of SB 1589.