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On Behalf Of:

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I support House Bill 1589 limiting the weight of boats in the Willamette River and reducing the power of wakes. The "wake" boats have created hazards in shared waterways that endanger myself and all other paddlers that are using small craft. I currently own three sea kayaks and paddle amongst friends regularly that use canoes and recreational kayaks.

I have been tipped over in the river by wakes created by this style of boat. I DO NOT object to the regular wakes created by family power boats that sit higher in the water and create less erosive and wave power.

Additionally I am in favor of protecting salmon in Oregon's river systems and the erosive power of the wakes created by the new boats destroys the banks, puts sediment in the rivers, and otherwise creates hazards for native species.