

Submitter: Amy Jean

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

Committee Members

I support SB1589.

Passage of this Bill would boost the local economy, not harm it.

New boat sales would skyrocket as everyone rushes to buy a boat just under 5000lbs. The used boats that would be sold will help fill in the pent up demand for used boats.

Other users of the river will feel like they can once again enjoy the river without fear of huge wakes, they will return to the river in large numbers, supporting local restaurants and stores. Fisherman will return to the river, buying food, drinks, and fishing gear.

Families can once again swim in the river without fear of taking in a mouth full of water.

Gas stations will sell more gas as these large wakeboats will have to drive 20 minutes farther to go to the lower Willamette or Columbia.

Honestly, there is not a single bad economic effect. In fact, home values along the river will rise because home sellers won't have to divulge that their dock will need to be repaired every year do to wake damage, and that they may lose land as the erosion takes a chunk of their land into the river.

The story of Chicken Little comes to mind.