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I'm very much opposed to this bill for the following reasons:

1. I'm on the Willamette pool almost every weekend and see boats that are currently under the weight limit proposed pulling floatation devices (tubers) and doing donuts in the middle of the river that create much heavy wave events to the shoreline than my boat does.
2. This bill hurts hundreds of boaters like me that do not wake surf nor do we use our ballast tanks when we wakeboard or pull "tubers"! This is wholly unfair. We wake board or pull "tubes" and don't fill our Ballast tubes and create NO MORE WAKE than a boat that does not have Ballast tubes. I'm on the Willamette Pool every weekend and the VAST MAJORITY of boaters have boats that (with Ballast) are over 5000 lbs and 95% of them are NOT USING their Ballast to create larger wakes. This bill would prevent me from using my boat to pull my grandchild at 15 MPH with on a "tube" with no wake enhancement Ballast...not fair! I have this boat not for it's Ballast enhancement. I have it because it can comfortable AND safely seat my entire family while we enjoy the river.
3. No study has shown that erosion will not continue to occur even with this bill. It benefits a very few privileged River-Front home owners while hurting thousands of boaters. Telling us that we can't use our boat and we should just get a smaller boat is like telling a family of 8 that they can't use their suburban on I-5 and to get a Prius! Not fair...not right!