

Submitter: Chelsea Mitchell

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

I strongly oppose SB 1589. My family and I live on the Willamette River and enjoy recreational boating every summer. I believe our public waterways should favor the general public, not special interest groups.

If we are going to discuss issues like erosion we need to look at ALL the reasons erosion is happening. Not cherry picking the reasons that work for a select group of river users in order to target another specific group. They want to stand behind environmental concerns so why aren't they targeting fishing boats, cabin cruisers, etc that also produce large wakes? Why aren't we addressing residential development, being as it's the primary cause of shoreline erosion?

I would very much like to see discussion and dialogue that isn't self-serving to select groups who happen to be well organized and well funded.

Thank you for your time.

Chelsea Mitchell