

Submitter: Craig Zanon

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

Dear Legislators ,

I wish to express our concern and ardent opposition to the over-the-top additional restrictions being implemented on the Willamette River as prescribed by SB 1589.

Our family has spent thousands of dollars in recreating responsibly on the Willamette River and have gone through all the already extensive programs and training (Towed Water Sports license, etc). We love the water so much we even moved into a rental house on the River so we as a young family can enjoy all aspects of the River (kayaking, paddle boarding, wake-boarding, tubing and surfing). Now after all that investment and effort we find out there are house bills that will make our boat illegal on the River.

I cannot express to you how devastating this would be to our family... emotionally and financially ... especially as we have adhered to all the restrictions and been exceptionally considerate of everyone on the River. What is contemplated on these Bills is just not fair. I cannot believe it has gotten to this point! Some 1%-ers must be behind it because there is no way we ordinary people would propose such restrictions. Water-sports are an important activity especially for young families like ours. These Bills take away a major part of our life.

Please vote the above House Bills down!

Thank you for listening.

Craig, Erin, Ryder, Chase, Parker and Ryann Zanon