

Submitter: John McCallum  
On Behalf Of: My family  
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment  
Measure: SB1589

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is John McCallum and I live on the Willamette River in Wilsonville, OR at 10990 SW Morey Ct. Our home is on the Newberg Pool area, and I am representing our family of 7 individuals. This second bill, SB 1589, once again is unbelievable and very concerning that it is brought up again. We still don't understand why so much time and resources are put into this? There are so many other more important issues our state government needs to be discussing and taking care of. Shame on all of you for wasting so much time and money that could be put into more important issues!! The economy, helping small, medium and large businesses, homeless crisis in Portland and other cities, Covid restrictions hurting families, these are just a few that should be concentrated on vs 2 months of families using a section of a river that should be free to use by our community and/or state's residences.

Do you all understand that the river in this area only gets pressure from boats during the July and August months? Outside of these two months, we rarely see any other boats on the river. It also is only heavy on the weekend vs weekdays. This is not being discussed. This is not a year-round issue by any means. The way these individuals and political groups are stating this is a flat out lie and is blatant sign of disrespect for our state and government resources.

I invite you to come to our house and property and see what the true issue with bank erosion is - it has nothing to do with tow boats 5000 pounds and over. As we have had geologists come to our property and meet with us around what is going on, they will tell you it has everything to do with the river rising up, submerging the bank, then the current swirling underneath which loosens up the bank soil. Finally, when the river lowers again it takes this loose soil with it and this is what is causing the erosion! Why isn't this being talked about? Again, it's these unreal political groups who are trying to privatize a state river for their own personal wishes. This is wrong on so many levels!

Do The Right Thing and don't make the Newberg pool a private gathering for these political groups for their own personal entertainment. The river belongs to the people and families from our area and great State of Oregon. It should continue to be enjoyed as a positive family activity that brings people together, not one that is going to bring on more division.

Again, please focus on the truth and the facts - not what these groups are making up

around erosion and fish habitat. That's such a made-up argument and again I invite anybody who would like to come and witness these facts to our home, and we will show you firsthand.

Sincerely,

John/Jenny McCallum & Family  
Wilsonville, OR - Newberg Pool