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I somewhat support this legislation.

My home is on a narrow stretch of river below the falls. Although I do believe limiting recreation is problematic, I also believe that large artificial wake producing boats are simply too big for the Willamette River and belong on larger waterways.

I choose to live on the river and knowingly accept that I will have river traffic and repairs to my dock and boathouse. I expect those repairs to be reasonable. We experienced close to \$6,000.00 in damage to pilings during the summer of 2019 due to the large wakes of surf boats. This is not in the category of normal/reasonable.

When our home was built we did plantings on the river bank to mitigate. That summer the water was high long into the spring (we have tidal influence) and the surf boats were out early as weather was nice. Our plantings from water line down were washed out by the wakes. Only the upper plantings (above water line) survived. It's very difficult to establish native plantings below the falls if large wakes continually wash them away. I continue to plant natives and pull the non natives in hopes there will be a long enough stretch of time when the new plants can establish. Surfing is not allowed in our area, however, there are still surfers and large surf boats are used to tow and wakeboard.

My biggest concern with this legislation is that it only applies to one section of the river and should likely apply to the entire river. Another concern is the cost to the Marine Board to do the study. The Marine Board may need to pull law enforcement monies in order to do the study. And we really, really need way more enforcement than we have - most certainly not less. This bill should come with the funding for the study.

Respectfully,

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