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On Behalf Of: City of Portland Public Records
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure: SB1589

On behalf of the 100's of members of the Oregon River Safety and Preservation Alliance, I urge you to move SB 1589 forward and look to science, science that has been conducted on this subject for decades and science that has been conducted on the waterways of the Newberg Pool by the leading wake scientist, Dr. Gregor MacFarlane.

This topic has been vetted thoroughly and while legislation was passed in 2019 to address this issue, the Oregon State Marine Board did not refer to any science on the topic and based loading weight on ramp capacity and boats for sale on dealership lots.

Dozens of studies have been conducted on boat wake energy and relating boat wakes to erosion. The science is done. This bill was nearly passed but a political delay tactic kept it from crossing the finish line. When only 250 boats are affected and less than 30 moored in the Newberg Pool, we have to ask why hundreds of boaters are coming out of the woodwork. Simply put, big money from the boating industry. I urge you to move SB 1589 forward. Thank you, Joanne Criscione Oregon River Safety and Preservation Alliance