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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

I support SB 1589. We need to restrict the impact of Towed Water Sports boats to alleviate their negative impact to the Willamette River.

a) Wake Surfing Boats, and those conducting towed water sports, weighing over 5,000 lbs, are specifically designed to create massive artificial surf waves on inland waterways. The Willamette does not generate such waves naturally, and the impact is clear.

b) As in other areas of the country, these artificial waves are impacting nearshore areas, river banks, private property, other river users.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope you support this sensible bill. This is the right thing to do for the Willamette River's health, and for other river users impacted by these craft!