

Submitter: Robert Waterhouse

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

i, Robert Waterhouse, am a resident of Linn County and an avid user of the Willamette River system for canoeing with my family. I support SB 1589 because I think it is wrong for a few thoughtless, selfish boaters to put the safety of my family, and the Willamette River shores, in peril. Canoes and kayaks are a wonderful way to get close to the river and away from the concerns of daily life, but not when large, artificially created waves threaten to upset or swamp your craft. These Wake Surfing Boats may have a place in large reservoirs, where there can be enough distance to dissipate the wave energy, but not in the Newberg Pool.

I urge you to support this bill. We cannot allow the fun of a few to wreck the enjoyment and safety of the many, or of the river ecosystem itself.