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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

Dear Members,

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

Although there are many reasons to pass this bill with which I agree, for me, as a kayaker and canoer, the fact that the waves created by wake surfing boats limit the safe use of of the waters used by them to them only is what motivates my support of SB 1589. When these boats are plying nearby waters all other watercraft must diligently attend to the presence of their deliberately created waves in order to not risk swamping. This is a selfish and dangerous use of the River by a few.

Thank you.