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I support SB1589.

I have boated in the Newberg Pool every summer for over the past 25-years. Certain boats are designed to create wakes. As the size of these wake boats has grown over the years, so has the erosion impact of their wakes. When these larger boats are manufacturing wakes, they also present an increased safety risk to other users of the Newberg Pool.

In addition, while wake surfing is only permitted within two designated zones, I have observed wake surfing taking place numerous times outside of those zones.

A 5,000-pound limit for towed watersports is a reasonable step to lower erosion impacts and improve safety for users of the Newberg pool.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. Best Regards.