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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

Hello,

I oppose SB1589 for many reasons. The first being that it impacts the families and children who enjoy creating memories out on the water and have for so long. With Covid going on, this is a safe, outdoor activity that families can enjoy. If you take that away, you're robbing children from their childhood. I grew up on the Willamette River and I have no idea what I would have done in the summer if I wasn't able to go wakeboard or surf out there with my friends and family. The second reason is because this will negatively impact our local small businesses who support the towed water sports community. Northwest Boat Sports and Active Water Sports has done an amazing job at building this community up and if you decide to crush that community, you will displace a lot of families. Please think about what you are really doing here... You are banning one community and letting another stay. Please tell me how that makes any sense??