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The Willamette River is no place to entertain ourselves with power boats. The river, and all of its tributaries, support life in its many varied forms when we don't cause harm. Right now, humans are causing a distressing amount of harm to quiet river users such as kayakers, homeowners, and wildlife.

Please do everything possible to greatly reduce the use of motorized traffic on the Willamette so that waves do not impact river banks, other river users and the fish, birds and mammals that are greatly impacted by motorized traffic. They simply cannot survive our powered presence in their habitat.

The science and social evidence is clear that motorized power boats are detrimental to all life in and near a river system. Let's stop the destruction.

Thank you for doing what it takes to protect the Willamette River and its inhabitants from destructive human behavior by supporting this sensible bill.