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On Behalf Of: Golden Dragons Paddling Club and Self

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

I am a dragon boater (along with 160 other members of my club) and an avid kayaker. I have experienced first-hand the impact of the wake from the wake boats (almost being swamped several times) and have seen the destructive nature of their waves to the shoreline. I urge you to listen to the riverine and fisheries biologists as to the long-term damage these boats cause to the fishing and marine life on the Willamette River. I urge you to consider the impact these boats have on all of us who use the river (not just motorized boats) in making your decisions. Further delays with unwarranted amendments will only continue this destruction unnecessarily. Thank you for supporting this bill.