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I oppose this bill due to the fact they have already placed restrictions on all boats making the Willamette river the most regulated area of water in Oregon. There's no supporting study that show that boats are affecting these environments or habitats. Instead of restricting boats, we can come to an agreement that these banks need erosion control from extreme high waters in the off season and residential development. This is a one sided bill only helps these supports groups to ban boats entirely. My family has been using this river for many years and even more so to escape the restrictions from the pandemic. By passing this bill would deeply affect families all over Oregon. This needs to come to an end and a real solution needs to evolve and that's enforcement, regulation and planning to helping river front homeowners to rebuild banks but as of right now there's too much regulation we need more direction.