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As an avid kayaker and member of the WKCC club out of Corvallis I am in full support of requiring PFD's to be worn by people of all ages and under all conditions when on the water. Since I kayak at least once a week throughout the year I often witness people floating without a PFD, in all sorts of craft, both capable and barely capable of negotiating the waterways which they are on. This seems to be especially true of people floating in inner tubes, toy crafts, and other floating devices that have little ability to negotiate the waterways. In these case PFD's are even more important and people without them are at greater risk.

My only dissention to this bill is that you are raising the age, in my opinion you should be lowering the age. Why not protect a greater number of people with this bill and not only add the requirements as this bill suggests but also lower the age? Tom Lauder