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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB3006

I urge you to vote yes on this bill. Safety first! No one should die from drowning. Requiring safety vests protects everyone and ensuring our youth operates safely is inherent to water recreation. Even one person dying from drowning is too many. Too many stories and incidents necessitate the immediate passage of this bill. Water rescues are a tragedy for communities with a strain on our resources and unnecessary injury and deaths. We require youth to wear bike helmets and this is along those same lines. I am an avid boater and am horrified annually as death and injuries from drownings, is horrifying and avoidable. Most are due to lack of personal safety devices-life jackets. We protect our kids with bike helmets and seat belts. It's time we take water safety to the next level. Please vote yes on this bill. Thank you for your work to create a safe recreational environment for all Oregonians!