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Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire

Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 1590 (Roll-Back of Towed Watersports Program)

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee,

Trout Unlimited (TU) is a national organization dedicated to caring for rivers and streams so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout and salmon. The Tualatin Chapter of Trout Unlimited (#633) has over 600 members in the Portland metropolitan area from the Willamette River to the norther Oregon coast. Our mission is *"Conserving, protecting and restoring our country's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds"*.

The Tualatin Chapter opposes Senate Bill 1590. We are concerned about its impact on the Willamette River, especially the section above Willamette Falls around the mouth of the Tualatin River.

The existing "towed watersports" program is a reasonable regulatory framework that guards against certain recreational boating activities having negative effects on native fish and water quality in the Willamette Valley. We are opposed to this bill because it would unwind that functioning and reasonable program, and ask the Committee to not move it this session.

Thank you for considering this input, and please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Peter Gray, President
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