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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

I strongly oppose SB1590 re: the wakeboats in the Newberg Pool.

Allowing wakeboats along this serene stretch of the Willamette River is somewhat akin to allowing drag racing in a heavily used State Park.

The excessive wakes generated by these boats endanger people and other watercraft on the river, especially human powered; they endanger fish populations; they endanger property along the riverfront with erosion and damage to docks. They also degrade the experience of those who seek quiet recreation, close to home.

Unlike wakeboaters, there are many of us who paddle board, kayak, canoe, fish and “simply putter about in boats”, without damaging the environment of the river or the peace of river users and property owners.

Please don't let a minority ruin the experience of the majority.

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