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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

Dear Committee,

I am an American Canoe Association L3 Sea Kayaking Instructor, former kayak guide, former Education Director for the Oregon Ocean Paddler Society, and current Trip Leader Trainer for the Oregon Ocean Paddler Society.

I strongly oppose SB 1590, for various reasons, including the environmental degradation aspects better addressed in other testimonies. Here however, I would like to address the safety aspects involved.

As a local kayak instructor, I am familiar with various local waterways. I have no problem with wake-sports persee, and most practitioners act with reasonable regards for others safety and I have been known to enjoy surfing their wake in my kayak. In the Newberg Pool however, various spots are too narrow to allow such mixed use of our waterway and the local practitioners have prior to the enactment of SB 1589 acted with complete disregard for other water users safety leading to countless incidents endangering the lives of other water users. Attempts to communicate with them have lead to ridicule and verbal violence. Furthermore, the group of wakesurfers calling themselves the "Boaters' Rights Association" chamioning this bill has actively been posting false information about other boaters rights and responsibilities further endangering water users in the area.

It is my professional opinion that reversing SB 1589 can and will lead to deadly consequences.

Thank you for your attention,

Jasper Greve