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On Behalf Of: Water life stewards  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire  
Measure: SB1590

I am moved to register my opposition to Senate Bill 1590.

If I were to be purely focused on my enjoyment of the river being imperiled by boaters then I would point out the obvious fact that this Bill gives power boaters license to create dangerous conditions on the river for kayakers, paddle boarders, and canoeists. There are places for power boaters to engage in their extreme boating antics. The river is not the proper place for it.

Though people love the river, we need to stop and consider that our river is an important habitat for diverse wildlife and fauna. Respectful use of the river will ensure that this important waterway can self-repair where damaged by big wakes slamming to shore, so that the river banks and water can support life. This provides all Oregonians a rich environment to enjoy for years to come.

I say no to Senate Bill 1590. There are better places for power boaters to enjoy their thrilling rides.

Thank you,  
Sheila Blackford