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DO NOT pass SB 1590 you are being misled, their statistics are inflated. These massive boats are filling up with thousands of pounds of ballast (water), creating 6ft waves that nearly swamp my 20ft ski boat or my 16ft fishing boat. Over the past couple of years, I've finally felt safe taking my grandkids out on the Willamette River/Newberg Pool area, teaching them to ski and fish.

I've witnessed people still surfing with huge waves while fishing or skiing, some of which supported the decal that signifies that they have passed the test and certified that their boat meets the requirement. What we need is enforcement of the laws, so far there has been zero enforcement, at least on my 30+ trips on the river.

These are very big boats that need big water to absorb these activities, so as to minimize damage to smaller boats, docks and shore line damage. These boats need to be on the Columbia River or large lakes, not the narrow stretch of the Newberg Pool.