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I am writing to refute the suggestion that limiting the weight of boats that can participate in towed water sports will hurt the economy and home values on the river. I am a realtor, so I do have some knowledge in the home value rise or decline. Without doubt, home values on the river have increased since the passage of SB1589.

I have never heard of a client decline to make an offer on a riverfront home because of the current rules. In fact, I have had clients who were relieved that these type of boats may be restricted, because they are the ones causing bank degradation, and frankly making the river less enjoyable in general. They tend to be the ones that play their music extremely loud and get too close to other boats and docks. Home buyers want to know that their property will be protected and stable.

I also happen to know that boat dealers had record sales in 2023, I don't think they are hurting economically at all.

Wake boaters aren't the only ones that go out for dinner after a day on the river. (As a side note, I have never ever seen a triple axle wake boat trailer parked in a restaurant parking lot, but I have seen Subarus with kayaks on top parked there) Since there are less wake boats in this part of the river now, there are many more other users, so in reality, more people are going out for dinner after a day on the river, because there are more people on the river period. I also doubt that the wake surfers don't eat dinner somewhere other than in the Newberg Pool area.

Boating and the money it brings in has not been negatively influenced by SB1589.

It's a very weak argument to suggest otherwise.