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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

I strongly oppose SB1590. It would reverse or remove some of the safety measures in SB1859 that was passed a few years ago.

I am the Safety Officer for Wasabi Paddling Club. I have seen firsthand the impact that large high energy wakes can have on human powered craft. A wake from a wake boat caused a dragon boat with vision impaired paddlers to capsize six years ago. This incident along with other incidents from other clubs and teams, motivated our involvement with other groups and property owners to develop rules that would make the river safer for all users and reduce property damage. SB1859 was developed and passed which has made the Newberg pool and the lower Willamette River safer for all.

Respectfully,
Larry LaMarsh