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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

I am writing in support of SB 1590. I have been a boat owner for the past 10 years with majority of that time in the newberg pool. When the legislation passed to heavily restrict wake boats I was effectively forced to sell since I could no longer wakeboard or pull a tube.

I have heard and read a lot of what those opposed to this bill state. For the record there has been no official study on the willamette river in relation to wakeboats and bank erosion. All "facts" are anecdotal at best and misleading at worst. These arguments conveniently don't mention natural erosion that occurs during the winter months, trees being cut down along the banks of home owners as well as boat traffic during peak days in the summer.

I urge you to pass this bill so we can have common sense rules back in the newberg pool. We should not ban one user group based on facts that just aren't true. The passage of this bill will allow myself and family back on the water and enjoy the sports I've done and shared for many years before this.

Thank you for your time,  
Sean