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On Behalf Of: Wasabi Paddling Club
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire
Measure: SB1590

Dear Chair Golden and Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition of Senate Bill 1590. SB1590 is an attempt to roll back the environmental and safety progress brought to our waterways by SB1589.

Retaining the regulations put in place by SB1589 means you are allowing all residents to safely recreate and experience the Newberg Pool.

The impact large wake boats have on the shoreline and shallow water habitats is devastating. The impact the large wakes have on other non-motorized craft in the water can be dangerous and often feel life threatening.

I am a non-motorized water sports participant and environmental advocate. I am an active paddler for Wasabi Paddling Club and own a 1-person Outrigger Canoe.

My experience has been these wake boats do not consider the impact their boats have on the water conditions, others around them or the environment. And, on multiple occasions in past years, have been personally harassed by multiple boaters, laughing as they watch us scramble to bail a boat swamped by their converging wakes.

We rely on our lawmakers to weigh the impacts and help to keep us safe. Last Summer was the first in years that I did not have a fearful on-water event. I ask that you keep SB1589 intact and oppose SB1590.

Sincerely,
Allison Wellman
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