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On Behalf Of: Willamette River paddlers like myself  
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I am constituent of Sen. Meek, and supported him in the last election. However, I OPPOSE SB 301 and especially the Dash 1 amendment.

These enormous wake boats are a hazard and are much like Elon Musk's Cybercar, an expression of unwarranted hubris and entitlement. I've been a paddler when large boats roar by as if they own the whole river; with little regard for other more environmentally friendly paddlers and boaters.

Let me draw your attention to the submitted testimony of Maria Hall, Willamette Farms. She says it well, "The Newberg Pool has become a vital space for paddlers, swimmers, anglers, and other low-impact users who rely on its calm waters. The inclusion of ballast weight in boat restrictions under SB 1589 was essential to reducing unsafe wakes and conflicts between river users. Removing this ballast weight consideration will reintroduce the same enforcement challenges that plagued the area for over a decade."