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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

I oppose SB 301 and its proposed amendment to remove ballast weight from vessel weight regulations in the Newberg Pool. I have lived near our beautiful Willamette River all my life and I want the river and the wildlife it supports to be healthy and protected from undue human interference. Boats on this section of the river especially should not be allowed to cause huge waves simply for human "enjoyment" (by a few).

This bill and its amendment would undermine the progress made under SB 1589 (2022), which has significantly improved both public safety and ecological health in this unique section of the Willamette River.