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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Opposition to SB 301 – Protect Public Safety and Habitat in the Newberg Pool and the greater Willamette River

Dear Chair, Senator Sollman ; Vice-Chair, Senator Findley ; Member, Senator Golden ; Member, Senator Hayden ; Member, Senator Lieber:

My name is Wendy Rankin, and I am a resident of Portland and appreciate the Willamette River. I am writing today to express my strong opposition to SB 301 and its proposed amendment to remove ballast weight from vessel weight regulations in the Newberg Pool.

I am deeply concerned that 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.

Please stand up for river safety, environmental stewardship, and the interests of the majority who cherish this unique waterway. I respectfully request that you vote NO on SB 301 and its proposed -1 amendment.

This just makes sense. It truly does.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Wendy Rankin
