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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

I strongly oppose SB301 that proposes removing ballast weight limits from boats. Allowing increased boat size will damage the river ecosystem due to the increased wakes and erosion. Larger wake boats also negatively affect all the other users of the waterway who are often looking for a tranquil experience. These boats are large, loud and produce disruptive and damaging wakes. They belong on some of the many larger bodies of water already provided for in the state and not in the Newberg pool.

I urge you to vote to support the majority of river users in continuing to keep the river use as is.

Regards,
Jeremy Howes