

Submitter:

Mike Botti

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

Clearly there are many people for and against SB301.

The argument in favor of SB301 is that all boats, of any size, should be able to tow for sporting reasons in the Newberg Pool. These arguments come from people that own boats that currently do not meet the weight limit.

The argument against SB301 is that heavier boats designed to create bigger wakes do cause bank erosion (plenty of studies show this), that other users are adversely affected by large wakes (capsized paddlers, broken rowing boats, other towers disrupted by the larger wakes), that young fish are negatively affected (fishery experts show this), private property is damaged (plenty of Testimony about this).

SB1589, that did pass (after extensive scientific testimony), allows for the Marine Board to conduct a study to determine if the current weight limits are best left alone. SB301 undermines this clause in the previous Bill, without any evidence.

SB301 is just another attempt by the wakeboat manufacturing industry to prevent regulation regarding their highly profitable boats.

Vote NO on SB301.

Environmentally yours,

Mike Botti