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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

Committee Members,

Though I live in Montana most of the year, I was raised in Oregon. I am a Beaverton High School and University of Oregon graduate. My extended family is still in the Portland/Salem area and I spend several weeks each year enjoying the outdoor places that I have known all of my life and that are special to my whole family.

I think you all know that 6000 pound boats pounding out amplified noise - that might be called music - are not compatible with the quieter recreation most of us seek when we go to the river. The wake boats are in simply anti-social behemoths to all other rivers users. Please keep a few places free of these needless nuisances. The nefarious manner in which this issue keeps coming up tells you what kind of folks you are dealing with in the wake boat crowd. They will continue to try to finesse their cause into bills that come before you disguised as "safety" measures. They won't face you head on with a bill to allow heavy wake boats because they know that a vast majority of your constituents do now want these noisy and dangerous toys on our waterway.

Please protect the quiet river for the human users, the water quality for the aquatic dwellers and the shorelines for homeowners and city park visitors. Say no to wake boats!

Thankyou,

Sincerely, Jeff King