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The state marine board continuously studies the safe operation of various vessels. There is no need for this part of the bill, and it's only purpose can be to hide the remainder, the repeal of section 1.

Repealing section one would eliminate protections put in place to protect other water users and fragile ecosystems from damage done by certain classes of towed watersports. Even with these protections in place, the proponents of this bill have shown time and time again to have no regards for the law, the safety of others or the fragile ecosystems it protects.

For example:

In July 2024, wake boats capsized 3 dragon boats. Sending several people, including a blind woman into the frigid waters: <https://www.wweek.com/news/2024/08/07/wake-boats-capsized-dragons-in-willamette-rivers-restricted-areas/>

In June, a young woman got killed after her towed toy got launched into another boat by the driver of the towing boat, in a no tow zone: <https://www.kptv.com/2024/06/26/no-simple-accident-family-blames-boat-driver-womans-death-willamette-river/>

The list of small and large incidents goes on and on, and we need all the tools we can to prevent further deaths. I urge you to vote "NO" against repealing this section.

No changes have happened to the fragile ecosystems that urged this bill to begin with, so all the arguments that originally inspired this bill still hold. I let others with more expertise weigh in those matters.