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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

Committee Members of SB301,

I listened to public testimony on SB301, lead off by Senator Meek, sponsor of the Bill.

I have to wonder if he has spent any time in the Newberg Pool?

He talked about 5000 pound pontoon boats and 5000 pound fishing boats?

The average pontoon boat weighs 2500 pounds and the heaviest and biggest weigh just 3300 pounds. They are aluminum, nowhere near 5000 pounds.

There are no 5000 pound fishing boats on the Willamette, they are out in the ocean if they weigh that much. Besides, fishing boats don't tow.

Senator Meek was a sponsor of a Bill in past years that set the limit at 4000 pounds.

It's no coincidence that the wake boat industry has significantly supported him and now he want to increase the weight limit.

Disingenuous for sure.

Please don't let this last minute -1 amendment sneak through, it's political gamesmanship on his part.

NO on SB1589