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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

Dear Senators on the committee on Energy and Environment,

I am in opposition to SB301.

Most of the proponents submit the cut and paste testimony from Oregon Families for Boating (which is mostly funded by out of state boat manufacturers).

One of their complaints is that the average person can't even buy a new boat that they could use in the Newberg Pool.

First of all, I don't know how the average person affords a \$200,000 wake machine.

But, at any rate, the employees of Active Water Sports

say that they do, in fact, have 4 models of wake boats that qualify for the Newberg Pool. They said this in public testimony.

So, people can buy any one of those four models and go wakeboarding in the Newberg Pool. If they want an even heavier boat, they can buy that boat and still cruise around the Newberg Pool, and they can surf in Portland or Detroit Lake. I don't see the big hardship.

It's self interest at the expense of other users of a narrow stretch of river and no concern for the Willamette Greenway, which is supposed to be protected.

I ask that the committee let the OSMB make any changes that they see fit, as they have been charged with this responsibility.

Thank you for your consideration,

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