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I oppose SB301.

Even without using ballast, wake boats have hull designs that are intended to make large wakes. The ballast makes the wake taller, but the wake energy is still very large without ballast. Generally speaking, a boat with ballast capability is built to tow wakeboarders and surfers that want large wakes to propel them.

Wakeboarders say that they don't even use the ballast, which is testimony of how big the wakes are without even using the ballast. If they can launch and do flips without ballast,

that wake is already pretty big. A 5500 lb (dry weight) wake boat, that is not using ballast, creates a massive wake. That is why ballast was included in SB 1589.

Those boats with 5500 lb maximum weight are weighing in at around 3500 lb dry weight. A wake from this boat has less energy but wakeboarding is still an option, and skiing and tubing are much better at this weight. Fun is still fun with a lighter boat.

Regards,

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