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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

As an experienced rower and parent of a young crew athlete, I strongly oppose SB 301, which would more than double the allowed weight for wake boats in the Newberg Pool.

I've witnessed firsthand how large wake boats create dangerous conditions for rowing shells and other small watercraft. These specialized boats generate powerful wakes that pose significant safety risks to our young athletes who train regularly on Oregon's waterways.

While I support diverse recreational uses of our waterways, the current regulations represent a carefully balanced compromise. Weakening these protections would set a concerning precedent that could eventually impact all of Oregon's waterways, including where our rowing club operates.

Please oppose SB 301 and maintain the current weight restrictions to ensure our waterways remain safe for all users.

Respectfully,  
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