

Submitter: Angela Kautz

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

I am a resident of Milwaukie and a member of Wasabi Paddling Club. I am on the Willamette River 3-4 times a week as a dragon boat and outrigger canoe paddler. I am writing to express strong opposition to SB 301 and its proposed amendment to remove ballast weight from vessel weight regulations in the Newberg Pool. We in the Portland Willamette River area are very concerned about the impact of SB 301 on safety for all river users, expensive damage to floating structures, and destructive impact on river environment. Wake/surf boats already create dangerous situations for those of us on non-motorized boats, and this legislation will only increase those risks. Please stand up for river safety and the interests of the majority of all Willamette River users. Vote NO on SB 301 and its proposed -1 amendment. Thank you for your time and consideration.