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I have experienced the negative impacts of wakes from wake surfing boats both from an environmental perspective and a recreational river user perspective. As a year-round paddler, I have seen how irresponsible wake surfers disregard no-wake zones and thereby impact smaller vessels (such as paddlers like myself). In the last year, my paddling team experienced multiple occasions of capsizing due to large wakes in no-wake zones. There is little to no enforcement on the waters for these crimes. I worry this bill would only worsen conditions for others who seek to enjoy our beautiful waterways.