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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

In opposition to SB301

It is onerous for senators and representatives to try to unravel the specifics of boat design and ballast and wake enhancing devices.

One would have to spend many hours reading the wave energy studies and applying those results to the situation in the Newberg Pool.

When SB1589 was debated, many experts in the field of wave science and erosion testified, the result was the passage of SB1589.

The total weight (including ballast) was set at 5500 (which was a compromised agreement between all involved) because at that total weight a boat is inherently a wake boat by design. As Dr. McFarlane's peer reviewed study shows, any specifically designed wake boat produces wave energy, with or without ballast, that takes more than 500 feet to dissipate to a non-wake boat wave. The Newberg Pool is not wide enough to accommodate these wake boats.

The best agency to develop rules and regulations regarding recreational boating is the Oregon State Marine Board. To ask legislators in Salem to change an extensively debated Bill without the time needed to study all the parameters isn't the right path. Let the OSMB continue to monitor the waterways in Oregon, which they are already tasked to do.

They have the expertise to do so.

In my opinion, SB301 should not advance any further.

Thank you for your consideration.