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This tricky way of changing the definition of ballast weight is an actual reversal of all regulations put in place to protect the Newberg Pool. Proponents are counting on lawmakers not understanding why total loading weight, as defined in the Towed Watersports Education Bill, HB2352, 2019, includes ballast. Boats with ballast are designed to make big wakes through hull design and the use of gates. Science shows they are just as destructive without the use of ballast. Meek's gut and stuff at the 11th hour shows there is something to hide. This issue should have been given more time for the science to be heard, as in the past. The conclusion would be the same, these small number of boats should operate in wider areas. A last minute amendment prevents data, science, and one side from being heard entirely.