



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 9, 2019

Chief Clerk Tim Sekerak
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE, Room H-271
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Vote Explanation for HB 2351

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

The Newberg Pool, a deep and narrow stretch of the beautiful Willamette River, forms the southern border of House District 26. Many people enjoy recreating and relaxing there. In recent years, wakes from wake boats have had noticeable impacts on the shoreline and ecosystem of the Willamette River. This has led certain areas of the shore to erode rapidly – beyond the natural and historic rate. Additionally, shorelines and property have been damaged.

I believe we need to take reasonable measures to prevent further damage to property and acknowledge the role that wake sports has on our environment.

The solution proposed by House Bill 2351 is reasonable, and my hope is that it will be part of an effective response. I support the companion bill, House Bill 2352, which complements this proposal by educating boaters about the impact of motorsports on aquatic ecosystems. Neither of these bills eliminates all opportunities for watersports in Oregon; they promote responsible use of the river.

Sincerely,

Representative Courtney Neron

