

February 28, 2017

House Committee on Transportation Policy
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, OR 97301

To Whom It May Concern;

The Yamhill County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board supports HB 2320, which authorizes the Oregon State Marine Board to establish a non-motorized boating program.

For many years our County has had the desire, as envisioned in our County Parks and Recreation Master Plan, to create a system of water trails to support a growing demand for non-motorized boating. Unfortunately, it takes funding we do not have to establish this kind of water trail system, particularly to develop the safe and permanent river access points required. Thus, we believe that a fee-based system funded by non-motorized boat registrations, which among other things would provide a dedicated funding source to develop and maintain non-motorized boating access, would go a long ways towards addressing our growing interest in water-based recreation. This program, if established, would also serve to benefit our established recreation and development goals in Yamhill County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne M. Lane".

Anne Lane, Chair