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I am opposed to bills 2351 and 2352.

This is an overreach of government with a special interest group in mind no the rights of all citizens

The issues with these bills are:

- The Marine Board has been tasked with addressing all of these issues. They work to research all relevant issues and to protect everyone's rights, not just one group. They are already working on addressing things on the lower river and they recently helped come to an agreement on the upper river and just passed those new rules which should be allowed to take affect as an agreed upon solution.
- Instead special interest groups whose mission is to restrict and even ban water sports continue to go find ways around The Marine Board when the board won't do what they want, and to push bills like 2351 and 2352 which would impose unfair and unnecessary restrictions on one group of people, those doing water sports on the upper and lower river, that would in affect prevent them from having equal access to our public river.
- Bill 2351 - the Greenway bill would give the ability to ban certain types of boats and activities, even though there is no evidence or studies to show this is necessary and it unfairly targets one group of people and takes away their rights to equal access of a public waterway.
- Bill 2352 - Would put significant additional financial and other burdens on anyone doing boat activities where they were towing someone. This again is clearly singling out just one group for what should be everyone's responsibility on the river, safety and education. We see people participating in all activities who sometimes do not appear to have the proper training or practice proper safety and etiquette and that includes people on sailboats, motor boats, SUPs, kayaks, jet skis, even people swimming and rafting on the river.
- If the real goal is increased education and safety on the river, which we support, that it should be addressed with all communities including non-motorized boaters, so that everyone using the river is better able to follow the rules we have in place and to know how to make better decisions based on their activities and skill level so that we can all be safe out there. Motor boat drivers already pay significant fees to help fund the Marine Board and go through safety training to get their boaters license.

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Thank you

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