

Please accept this comment as testimony in support of:

Proposed Bill 5261

LCO No 796

Introduced by Rep. Ziobron, 34th District

In reference to the subject bill, please accept my testimony for support of this bill. This bill is needed because our DEEP did not take appropriate action and needs to have clear direction and management. Failure to have a plan has resulted in waste of taxpayer assets and dangerous degradation of the property. This bill is needed to establish accountability for competent planning and sustainable treatment of taxpayer owned assets and to stop further degradation of the property and unsafe conditions as well as further real losses.

This property needs to be properly managed to help with the development of this part of the state which does not have a large resource base.

Further notes to the revised bill 6539 are as follows:

The required date of February 2014 for a report to be issued is unacceptable. Further deterioration to assets will likely occur in this time. I would expect a reasonable time would be no greater than 60 days from passage for a thorough report and proposals to be issued. The likelihood that an acceptable plan will result, from the very agency that did not plan in the first place, is questionable. Therefore time for likely needed review and adjustment will be needed.

I cannot support (nor do I expect any elected official to support) a 1 year time period to develop a report that is already long overdue.

Thank you for your consideration.

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