

N.H. Lakes Management Advisory Committee

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The Honorable Kenneth Weyler, Chair
House Finance Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 210-211
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 97 - AN ACT relative to making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for wastewater infrastructure projects.

Dear Chair Weyler and Members of the Committee:

The Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) is writing to express its **support of House Bill 97**, which will appropriate money for eligible wastewater projects. Adequately funding wastewater treatment projects protects the public health and water quality. These in turn protect the monetary value of waterfront property and the utility of our lakes and rivers for recreation and as drinking water sources.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483-A, the Lakes Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of 19 members representing academia, business, conservation organizations, lake associations, tourism, fish and game commission, marine trades, realtors, municipal government as well as several state agencies.

In conclusion, the LMAC supports HB 97 for the reasons stated above. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (603) 569-3114 or stevewingate@roadrunner.com.

Respectfully,



Steve Wingate, LMAC Legislation Subcommittee

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