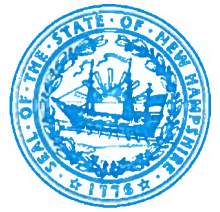




The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

March 27, 2018

The Honorable Chris Christensen, Chair
House Resources, Recreation, and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building; Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

RE: SB 529-FN, An Act requiring the department of environmental services to conduct a study regarding the Baker River in the town of Warren and making an appropriation for such study.

Dear Chairman Christensen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 529-FN relative to requiring the department of environmental services to conduct a study regarding the Baker River in the town of Warren and making an appropriation for such study.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) supports the bill but is concerned the bill only appropriates the sum of \$1 to conduct the study.

NHDES has researched the cost to perform such a study with experts in the field and learned the cost would be on the order of \$400,000. Since NHDES does not have a budget for this study the monies would need to come from a general fund appropriation or other source.

NHDES welcomes opportunities to improve our processes in order to better accomplish our mission of protecting public safety, health and the environment, and thanks the bill's sponsors. If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact Clark Freise, Assistant Commissioner, (clark.freise@des.nh.gov 271-4054) or Eugene Forbes, Director, Water Division, (Eugene.Forbes@des.nh.gov 271-3308).

Sincerely,

Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

cc: Senators Giuda, Avard, Birdsell, Bradley, Carson, Daniels, Gannon, Gray,
Innis, Reagan, Sanborn, Ward, and Watters
Representatives Ladd, Brown, Hinch, Binford, and Schwaegler

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