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To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee; Rep. Chippendale, Michael W.
Subject: Save our Lakes - Support Bill H8093/ S2153

To whom it may concern I have been a Burrillville resident for 38 years and also and which 25 years of that a Wallum lake resident. for the past 2-3 years there are lake residents worried of high lake levels that cause Dock and beach erosion on there property if these Residents had made the correct shore preparation and followed the States recommendations I feel they would not have any issues with the old lake levels of years gone by. Levels are controlled by a Dam on the South end of Wallum lake, so to help these certain residents the Burrillville Consevation Comitee and the Town Highway Department have kept the lake level so low that there are dry Wetlamds now causing reputable damage to the Wild Life and Plant Life on the Lake and also damage to the Ecosystem of Wallum Lake. I have made many calls and Filed letters to the RIDEM and they have made concerned notices to the Town and Comission but it appears to fall on deaf ears, the Town keeps draining the lake causing problems, I will not stop calling and requesting help to the Town and the RIDEM until we can get this problem taken care of for the sake of keeping this beautiful Lake Healthy for us now and the future of our Town, Thank You Andrew Griffin 194 South Shore Rd. 401-500-3945Committee Members,

Bill H8093/S2153 proposes establishing Rhode Island's Freshwater Lake Management Program - which would be beneficial for several reasons.

Firstly, it aims to preserve the state's freshwater resources, which provide various benefits such as recreational opportunities, flood mitigation, and habitat provision for wildlife and plants.

Secondly, the program would facilitate coordination between state and local entities involved in lake management efforts, offering technical and financial assistance to ensure effective implementation. Additionally, the bill mandates field surveys and mapping to address issues like invasive species, aiding in developing targeted management strategies.

Lastly, establishing the Rhode Island Lake Management Fund would provide dedicated funding for projects to enhance water quality and habitat. This program represents a proactive approach to safeguarding Rhode Island's freshwater ecosystems for current and future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Town/City]

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