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This is in support of Senate Bill 1589.

I had the chance to listen in on the presentation during the committee meeting today. One of the opponents to the bill showed some pictures that he had taken of eroded areas. He showed areas of erosion that didn't have vegetation, and then areas with no erosion that did have vegetation. I think his point was that non vegetative areas would be prone to erosion, either a home owner clearing vegetation or a park area with a access point.

What strikes me as so obvious, is that OF COURSE the eroded areas have no vegetation, BECAUSE they have already eroded.

The erosion/landslide took the vegetation with it. What really happens (I know because I kayak in the Newberg Pool all the time and investigate the shoreline up close) is that the erosion happens at the steady water level in the summer, the vegetation is only slightly above that level and hangs over the shoreline. You can't see the erosion behind the overhanging vegetation, and then, boom, a slide happens and leaves a baron area. Erosion first, then a bare area results after the erosion. Not bare area first.

Then he mentions something about improper piping in peoples back yards. Nearly all the homes on the river have been there for 50, of the 400 homes on this stretch of the river, only twenty have been built in the last 20 years. I can tell you this erosion and landslide activity hasn't been happening for over 20 years. Only in the last decade, since the advent of wake boats has it been a regular occurance.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this Bill.