

Follow-up to public hearing on HB 2817 in HCEE on 2/6/25

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Subject: Testimony today HB 2817

Derrick, thanks for the testimony today. Would you be able to restate what you said in our CEE committee today in a way that I can share with my caucus. I get what you are saying, you are just cleaning up statute, NOT shutting down access.

Thanks, Bobby



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Subject: RE: Testimony today HB 2817

Thanks so much for the request Rep. Levy.

I thought I'd keep this response short and easily relatable:

- This bill does not give the Department any additional authority.
- This bill does not allow the Department to further restrict access to public lands.
- The removal of the permit closure relieves the department of any potential political pressure to have to restrict public access during times of elevated fire danger, thus, relieves the additional administrative burden and duties that may occur.
- There is no correlation to public forest closures that are addressed in this bill.

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- This bill does not affect industrial activities on forestland (including timber sales on State Forest) in any way that isn't already able to do so.
- Private landowners still have the ability to restrict access to the public on their lands as they see fit.

Hopefully that clears up any confusion.

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