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I am opposed to bill 1153 because it puts the water rights of our citizens into the hands of a committee that I am not sure I trust. I am old enough to know that these kinds of supposed environmental protection laws are often made to benefit a certain group and often do little to benefit our environment and in this case the safety of our waterways. . This bill could make it difficult for farmers, businesses or individuals to access the water supply they now need and have available to them.

The wet land laws hurt so many people including myself and ended up benefiting those that had money and connections but hurt the people that had properties deemed wetlands. I think this law will end up being the same. We saw how the spotted owl laws ended up being pushed into law to benefit large industries to make their Canadian holdings more valuable while our loggers and local lumber industries suffered. In many cases these committees just don't know what they are doing and what is best for the waterways.

Many young people that truly want to save our trees, waterways and environment are often used to push laws into effect by those that have alternative motives. I respect those that truly want to protect our environment. I think this law will benefit our waterways very little and possibly put a hardship on many.

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