

## Testimony in favor of SB837 and HB910

I am Bob Browning Chairman of the Deep Creek Lake Policy and Review Board. This Board is established in law to assist in the management of Deep Creek Lake. This board has tried for years to get Brookfield power to lower lake levels in the winter with no results. Before Brookfield took over there were historical draw downs that helped control SAVs, allow shoreline work and help with sediment issues but since that has stopped we are seeing explosive growth in this vegetation and other problems.

SB837 would help give Lake Management a tool to address this problem. Brookfield could do this on their own, with no need for changes in permitting, but they refuse. We are told they worry about the ability of the lake level to reach its spring level but offer no evidence that this could happen. In the past much larger draw downs have occurred and the lake always has been able to be refilled. In any case this is a limited study to see what if any issues may occur.

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