

Please support and vote in favor of SB688. Although not perfect, it goes a long way to reigning in the problems inherent in the current system. It is astonishing that adequate, meaningful and complete notice to the affected community where the stream restoration will occur must be legislated but I appreciate the recognition of this deficiency and its inclusion in this bill. It is also a step forward to require that other methods of stream restoration and runoff mitigation should be explored and analyzed properly before stream restoration is proposed. The most significant change in this bill, however, is inclusion that MDE prioritize the mitigation of runoff at the source rather than downstream where it will only be a duct tape solution at best and at worst a devastation to habitat and the environment. Finally!

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