

To Whom it May Concern:

I strongly support HB 1465. Environmental credits should only be awarded to projects with proven long-term success, demonstrated in evidence-based studies on similar projects. This is not the case with stream restoration, as proven by Margaret Palmer and other experts in the field, most notably in a landmark review [1] of 149 studies covering 644 stream restorations, demonstrating a gross lack of favorable results. It is disappointing to me that our laws are not keeping up with published literature, and I hope that this will be considered from here on moving forward. I am asking you for a favorable report.

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[1] Palmer, M. A., K. L. Hondula, and B. J. Koch, University of MD, 2014, "Ecological Restoration of Streams and Rivers: Shifting Strategies and Shifting Goals," Annu. Rev. Ecol. Evol. Syst. 2014. 45:247-269.

(<https://akottkam.github.io/publications/Palmerpublications/Palmer2014a.pdf>)