

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing today in support of HB 1554 and ask you to vote "DO PASS".

The changes put forward in the bill cover two updates for the Outdoor Heritage Fund:

1. **Addition of the Department of Water Resources to the O.H.F. Technical Committee:** We receive a fair number of water-related requests, and the additional expertise will be put to good use.
2. **Adjustment of the Voting Requirement for Proposal Submission:** Currently, a majority of board members is required for a proposal to be sent to the Industrial Commission (7/12 votes required). The O.H.F. board consists of members from different backgrounds and industries, making it challenging to find a meeting date that works for everyone. In the past, some grant requests received a majority of votes from members present but failed due to not meeting the overall majority requirement (6 votes instead of 7).

Thank you for considering these important updates.

Sincerely,

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ND Outdoor Heritage Board Chairman