

N.H. Rivers Management and Protection Program

# N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee

February 19, 2013

The Honorable Chuck Morse, Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee  
State House, Room 103  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: HB 168-FN-A – An act appropriating funds to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding eligible and completed drinking water, wastewater, and landfill closure projects under the state aid grant program**

Dear Chairman Morse and Members of the Committee:

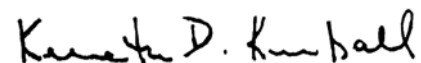
The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its unanimous support for Senate Bill 168-FN, appropriating funds to DES for the funding of eligible and completed drinking water, wastewater, and landfill closure projects under the state aid grant program.

The state aid grant program has proven to be an effective means to fund the construction or rehabilitation of facilities that protect drinking water and treat wastewater. Appropriating the funds to maintain this environmental infrastructure is essential if the state is to protect public health and provide clean water for its residents. These water pollution control and public water systems, many of which draw water from or discharge water to our rivers, must be maintained and upgraded.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the NH Department of Environmental Services on the administration of RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of members from the business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests. Among its other responsibilities, the RMAC is charged with reviewing legislation relevant to the RMPP and with advising the DES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

In conclusion, the RMAC unanimously supports SB 168-FN appropriating funds to DES for the funding of eligible and completed drinking water, wastewater, and landfill closure projects under the state aid grant program. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (603) 466-8149 or [kkimball@outdoors.org](mailto:kkimball@outdoors.org).

Sincerely,



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