

Anti-Environmental Bill

HB 1100

Rep. Steve Bartels



ABOUT THE BILL

HB 1100 would:

- Add new burdens for agencies in adopting and renewing their administrative rules
- Expand legislative involvement in the executive branch role in implementing state laws
- Include “no more stringent than” language that would prevent the state from adopting rules that are more stringent than corresponding federal rules

“No more stringent than”

- The term “no more stringent than” was not defined in the bill. This meant that there would have been conflicting interpretations of how and when this restriction applies.
- In many cases, federal regulations grant discretion to state agencies to craft state-specific rules. So, in instances where Indiana has been granted this discretion, it would have been difficult if not impossible to determine which rule is “more stringent”.

WHY DOES IT MATTER

- **Protection of Indiana’s rivers and lakes** are based on both numeric and narrative criteria.
- **Designated uses for waterways** are Indiana specific, and best decided by Hoosiers and our state officials.
- **Stormwater pollution prevention** plans are also based on narrative criteria and Indiana-specific best practices for controlling stormwater pollution.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Contact your representative as well as

- Representative Teshka (h7@iga.in.gov)
- Speaker Huston (h37@iga.in.gov)
- President Pro Tem Bray (senator.bray@iga.in.gov)

Ask them to “**oppose including HB 1100/no more stringent than language in HB 1211.**”