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Resolve, to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Assess Existing Water Retention Structures and Water Levels

Received by the Clerk of the House on March 14, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative MASON of Lisbon.

Sec. 1. Water retention structures assessment. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall assess the water retention structures, including dams, in the State to examine erosion issues and other effects of rising water levels. The department shall also assess water levels in lakes and ponds that contain water retention structures.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by December 3, 2025, the Department of Environmental Protection shall submit a report based on its assessment in section 1 for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to assess the water retention structures, including dams, in the State to examine erosion issues and other effects of rising water levels and to also assess water levels in lakes and ponds that contain water retention structures. The department is required to submit a report based on its assessment by December 3, 2025 for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.