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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Members of the House of Representatives

**FROM:** Representative Jaret Gibbons

**DATE:** April 4, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Funding for High Hazard Dams

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In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would amend Act 256 of 1955 (Oil and Gas Lease Fund) to provide funding for the repair and reconstruction of high hazard dams managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC).

The PFBC manages 18 high hazard and unsafe dams throughout Pennsylvania. While some of these dams have been repaired, the PFBC estimates that \$34 million is needed to repair the remaining dams.

This legislation would amend Act 256 of 1955 by directing 5% of the rents and royalties in the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, not to exceed \$6 million annually, to the PFBC. This money would be placed in a restricted account in the Fish Fund to be used only for the repair or reconstruction of high hazard dams managed by the PFBC.

I believe that this legislation is important because these dams provide boating and fishing opportunities for local residents, while also attracting tourists from around the region. In addition, since the average angler spends more than \$600 annually on fishing, these dams provide a valuable boost to local economies.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Susan Finger at 717-705-2060 or [sfinger@pahouse.net](mailto:sfinger@pahouse.net).

PFBC UNSAFE, HIGH HAZARD DAMS (as classified by DEP)									
COUNTY	DAM NAME	DEP DAM NUMBER	CATEGORY (key at bottom)	TOTAL PROPERTY ACREAGE	IMPOUNDMENT ACREAGE	ESTIMATED REPAIR COST	FUNDING STATUS	REPRESENTATIVE & DISTRICT NUMBER	SENATOR & DISTRICT NUMBER
BEAVER	*LOWER HEREFORD MANOR LAKE	04-047	C-1	448.5	45	PHASE I: \$3.1MIL PHASE II & III: \$14.0MIL	PHASE 1: FULLY FUNDED PHASE II & III UNFUNDED	JARET GIBBONS - 10	ELDER VOGEL - 47
BEAVER	*UPPER HEREFORD MANOR DAM	04-048	C-1	448.5	23	PHASE I: \$3.1MIL PHASE II & III: \$14.0MIL	PHASE 1: FULLY FUNDED PHASE II & III UNFUNDED	JARET GIBBONS - 10	ELDER VOGEL - 47
BUTLER	GLADE RUN DAM	10-060	B-1	146.2	52	\$4.0MIL	UNFUNDED	DARYL METCALFE - 12	JANE ORIE - 40
CENTRE	COLVER LAKE	14-112	B-1	166.3	77	\$6.3MIL	UNFUNDED	KERRY BENNINGHOFF - 171	JAKE CORMAN - 34
CUMBERLAND	OPOSSUM LAKE	21-176	B-1	216.609	59	\$3.4MIL	FULLY FUNDED - UNDER CONSTRUCTION	STEPHEN BLOOM - 199	PATRICIA VANCE - 31
JEFFERSON	KYLE LAKE	33-001	B-1	165	185	\$4.2MIL	UNFUNDED	SAMUEL SMITH - 66	JOSEPH SCARNATI - 25
LANCASTER	SPEEDWELL FORGE DAM	36-257	B-1	310.57	106	\$6.3MIL	UNFUNDED	TOM CREIGHTON - 37	MIKE BRUBAKER - 36
LEHIGH	LEASER LAKE	39-093	B-1	313	117	\$3.25MIL	FULLY FUNDED - UNDER CONSTRUCTION	GARY DAY - 187	DAVID ARGALL - 29
NORTHAMPTON	MINSI LAKE	48-139	B-1	308.625	117	\$3.1MIL	UNFUNDED	JOE EMRICK - 137	LISA BOSCOLA - 18
SOMERSET	SOMERSET LAKE	56-089	B-1	458.201	252	\$4.7MIL	UNFUNDED	CARL METZGAR - 69	RICHARD KASUNIC - 32
TIOGA	NESSMUK LAKE (PA 601)	59-086	B-1	223.76	60	\$1.0MIL	FULLY FUNDED	MATTHEW BAKER - 68	JOSEPH SCARNATI - 25
WASHINGTON	CANONSBURG DAM	63-053	B-1	136.29	76	\$2.4MIL	PARTIALLY FUNDED	**BRANDON NEUMAN - 48 AND JOHN MAHER - 40	**TIMOTHY SOLOBAY - 46 AND JOHN PIPPY - 37
WASHINGTON	DUTCH FORK DAM	63-067	B-1	588.6	91	\$4.5MIL	FULLY FUNDED - UNDER CONSTRUCTION	PETER DALEY - 49	TIMOTHY SOLOBAY - 46
WAYNE	BELMONT LAKE	64-021	B-1	404.3	172	\$1.3MIL	FULLY FUNDED	SANDRA MAJOR - 111	LISA BAKER - 20
WAYNE	LOWER WOODS POND	64-011	B-1	391.6	91	\$1.6MIL	FULLY FUNDED	SANDRA MAJOR - 111	LISA BAKER - 20
WESTMORELAND	DONEGAL DAM	65-126	B-1	233.8	90	\$4.2MIL	UNFUNDED	MIKE REESE - 59	RICHARD KASUNIC - 32

Notes: \*Upper Hereford Manor Lake and Lower Hereford Manor Lake have been combined for acreage and estimated repair cost calculation

\*\*Canonsburg Dam/Lake spans two townships: North Strabane Twp (Rep. Neuman & Sen. Solobay) and Peters Twp (Rep. Maher & Sen. Pippy)

This Table was updated on April 13, 2011.

Size Category	Impoundment Storage (ac-ft)	Dam Height (ft)
A	50,000 or more	100 or more
B	>1,000 but <50,000	>40 but <100
C	1,000 or less	40 or less

Hazard Potential Category	Population at Risk	Economic Loss
1	Substantial	Excessive
2	Few	Appreciable
3	None expected	Significant
4	None expected	Minimal