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Testimony on Assembly Bill 953

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Thank you Chair Kitchens for giving Assembly Bill 953 a public hearing. AB 953 repeals a section of the statutes that has been statutorily sunset and unused since February 8, 1986. Representative Penterman brought this to my attention and I agreed to be the Senate author. Like, I'm guessing, all of you, I had no idea this thirty-six-year-old obsolete statute existed.

Why author a bill to repeal a law that has been inoperative longer than the lives of most of our staff and two members of this committee? It is simply good government to prune the statutes and administrative code of inoperative provisions. It is certainly possible some Wisconsinite could look at Sec. 87.31 or NR 129 and spend some amount of time chasing a dead statute.

AB 953 is not the most consequential piece of legislation this Session, but it is common sense and should, I hope, receive bipartisan support. Thank you.



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Assembly Committee on Environment

Testimony from Rep. William Penterman in favor of passage of AB 953

Thank you Chairman Kitchens and members of the Assembly Committee on Environment for the opportunity to testify on Assembly Bill 953.

In 1979, Chapter 87.31 of the Wisconsin State Statutes created the floodplain and shore land mapping assistance program to provide counties, cities, and villages with financial assistance to produce adequate topographical mapping of floodplain and shore land areas and to delineate floodplain and floodway boundaries.

Since that time, floodplains and shore lines have been well documented. There is no longer a need for the program, and as a result, the program sunset in February of 1986.

This bill simply deletes a subchapter from our statutes that has not been in use since 1986. We should delete statutes that are no longer useful.

I ask the members of this committee to support this common sense bill. Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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