

Will this bill weaken environmental and wildlife protection?

The pilot-program statute this bill apparently would replace and repeal provided this limitation: "(e) Located, planned and zoned to avoid or minimize adverse effects on natural resources and nearby farm and forest uses if the pilot project would require amending an urban growth boundary to include the pilot project site." Chapter 52, sec. 4(4)(e). The bill as introduced appears to omit such a restriction.

I hope that the Committee has a process in place, that works well, alerting members to all such instances where a proposed housing solution will or may weaken environmental or wildlife protections present in provisions being repealed.

Thank you for your service.