

Bonnie Sand
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LD 1550

Dear Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,
My name is Bonnie Sand. I am a resident in Bristol. I care deeply about the fresh water lakes in Maine that are a source of not only beauty but also recreational revenue for our state.

Nutrient runoff from septic systems on shoreline that are made of sand impact the fresh water, encouraging algal blooms which contaminate lakes and cause them to emit a foul smell, especially in warm weather.

Current regulations of septic systems do not take into account the proximity of sandy soil that allows short-circuiting of nutrients into lakes that are nearby.

LD1550 will amend septic design standards so that septic systems take into account sandy soils and mitigate the migration of these nutrients into fresh water lakes and streams.

Please support LD 1550.

Thank you,
Bonnie Sand
Bristol, Maine
Current regulations