SUPPORT SB698

Topic: Dam Safety/ Resilience

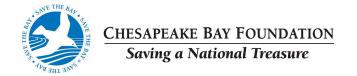
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OVERVIEW:

This bill would make the Dam Safety fund more accessible to private landowners by reducing the match from 50% to 30%.

REASONS TO SUPPORT:

- Virgina has a significant number of dams on private lands with some level of hazard classification.
- If allowed to fail these structures can create flood and water quality issues for the surrounding community.
- Many of these landowners lack the financial resources to maintain, repair, or safely remove these structures. This legislation will make the program more accessible and help to increase the number and universe of projects undertaken.





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