

# SUPPORT SB 857

Topic: Enhancing Dam Safety

Bill Patron: Senator Timmy French

## OVERVIEW:

This legislation would help to increase accessibility to dam safety improvement funds for hazardous dams on private lands and streamlines the states enforcement powers to impound hazardous dams.

## REASONS TO SUPPORT:

- Virginia has many dams deemed some degree of hazardous throughout the Commonwealth but has struggled to get private land owners in to compliance because of cost and lack of enforcement authority.
- This legislation will give the state additional tools to help tackle hazardous dams and mitigate threats to water quality, life, and property presented by potential failures.



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