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ENVIRONMENTAL PANELS TO HEAR TESTIMONY ON HIGHLANDS AMENDMENTS

TRENTON - Senator Bob Smith and Assemblyman John F. McKeon -- the two chairs of the legislative environmental committees charged with considering a bill to protect and preserve New Jersey's Highlands, the water supply to more than 4 million people in the Garden State -- today said that they will take testimony **tomorrow at the final public hearing on the Highlands in Committee Room 4 in the Statehouse Annex in Trenton.**

The legislators requested that witnesses try to restrict testimony to amendments to the bill which were released from the nonpartisan Office of Legislative Services today. They added that the bill will not be released from the committees at tomorrow's public hearing, but will be up for a vote at the next joint meeting on May 10.

Tomorrow's public hearing is scheduled to take place from 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. in Statehouse Annex Committee Room 4. Overflow areas will be set up in Committee Rooms 3 and 6 to accommodate the expected high turnout of concerned parties interested in the bill. Audio and video feeds from Committee Rm. 4 will be provided in the two overflow areas.

Those who wish to have their testimony added into the public record of the hearing should bring a written copy with them. In the event that a speaker does not get the opportunity to address the joint committees in person, they can leave their written testimony with the OLS aides for the committees.

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WHO: Senator Bob Smith, Assemblyman John F. McKeon, members of the Senate Environment and Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committees

WHAT: Final Public Hearing on the "Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act" (S-1 / A-2635)

WHEN: Thursday, April 22, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

WHERE: Committee Rm. 4 (Overflow in Committee Rms. 3 and 6)