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SENATE PRESIDENT CODEY ON POSTPONING HIGHLANDS VOTE UNTIL THURSDAY

TRENTON - Senate President Richard J. Codey, D-Essex, issued the following statement today regarding the postponement of a vote in the Senate Environment Committee on S-1, known as the "Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act," which would protect water resources from the New Jersey Highlands region:

"I asked (Senate Environment Committee Chairman) Senator Bob Smith to hold the Highlands legislation until Thursday, so that some final amendments could take place to adequately satisfy the concerns of all of the Senate Environment Committee members.

"On an issue of such environmental significance, we must ensure that we move forward with consensus, equity and parity for all those New Jersey residents impacted by Highlands protection.

"Legislation that will protect the water supply for more than half the population of the State of New Jersey has to be done, and it has to be done right the first time. We cannot afford to make a mistake on such an important bill.

"We need to have a strong majority of New Jerseyans behind this measure that will protect vital watershed land in the Garden State. After Thursday's hearing, I am confident that we will have the majority's support, and will be able to move forward with protecting the Highlands."

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