

Long Beach Community Alliance

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT (Corrected Dates)

**PLEASE SEE CORRECTED DATES BELOW -
CAMPAIGN STARTS THIS WEEK, MARCH 4-8!!!**



LONG BEACH COMMUNITY ACTION ALERT

If you care about maintaining public rights on the Lake Michigan beach – NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION: **OPPOSE SB 581** and **SUPPORT SB 553!!!**

OPPOSE SB 581! – This is a confusing and deceptive bill that would try to un-do the Indiana Supreme Court’s ruling in the Gunderson case by re-defining Ordinary High Water Mark as an invisible elevation on the beach that will generally allow little, if any, beach for public use. While denying the public its rights, SB 581 would create a new zone on the beach in which adjacent property owners have special recreational rights that are denied to others. Finally, SB 581 attempts to create a zone in which DNR’s minimal regulation on the beach would over-ride coast municipalities’ shore protection ordinances and zoning authority and even supersede local ordinances on municipally owned park and dune property, such as in Michigan City and Gary.

SUPPORT SB 553! – This bill simply codifies the Indiana Supreme Court’s ruling in Gunderson that the Lake Michigan beach is owned by the State and held in trust for the public’s use up to the natural Ordinary High Water Mark, which is generally the visible vegetation line. SB 553 also enumerates the type of recreational uses that are protected on the public trust beach – basically the traditional uses that we all have made of the beach for generations. This bill is important because it will end disputes about the boundary of public and private land and clarify recreational activities allowed on the public beach.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Join our campaign OVER THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS to defeat SB 581 and enact SB 553 by emailing key elected officials!

We need hundreds of voices to be heard **Opposing B 581** and **Supporting SB 553** via emails to the Governor, DNR and key legislators in the Indiana House of Representatives.

► We will be asking you to send a series of emails to different officials starting this week and continuing over the next 4 weeks to keep the pressure on our elected officials to do the right thing.

► Each week we will send you updates with a new message and new officials to email:

► **Starting This Week – MARCH 4-8** – Please email the following key people **with your own message** as to why you **OPPOSE SB 581** AND **SUPPORT SB 553**:

Rep Sean Eberhart, Chair - Natural Resources Committee

- Phone: (317) 232-9619
- Email: h57@iga.in.gov
- Website: <http://www.in.gov/h57>

Rep. Jeff Ellington, Vice Chair, Natural Resources Committee

- Phone: (317) 232-9850
- Email: h62@iga.in.gov
- Website: www.in.gov/h62

Rep. Pat Boy, 9th District (Represents Long Beach and neighboring communities)

- Phone: (219) 229-1810 (Local Office); (800) 382-9842
- Email: H9@iga.in.gov
- Website: www.in.gov/h9

Mr. Cameron Clark, Director, Indiana Department of Natural Resources

- Phone: (317) 232-4567
- Email: cclark@dnr.in.gov

Governor Eric Holcomb, Governor - State of Indiana

- Phone: (317) 232-4567
- Website: <https://www.facebook.com/GovHolcomb/>

Example: “My family and I have enjoyed swimming and picnicking on the Lake Michigan shore for generations. I am very concerned that SB 581 now pending in the Indiana House would take away my rights and give them to an elite few. SB 581 would also take away local government zoning authority to protect the shore and dunes from reckless private development and beach eroding activities. This is just wrong-headed. Please VOTE NO ON SB 581, and instead VOTE YES ON SB 553 which would maintain Indiana residents’ traditional right to use and enjoy our precious Lake Michigan shore and protect it from privatization.”

Please Continue Your Support

We appreciate your continued support.

Please make checks payable to the Long Beach Community Alliance which can be sent to:

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P.O. Box 167
Michigan City, IN 46361

or donations can be processed online via our website at www.lbcall.org

Again, thank you for your continued support.

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