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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Koster, Dunshee, O'Brien, Anderson, G. Chandler, Sump, Dunn, B. Chandler and Mulliken)

Brief Title: Allowing the rebuilding of a farmhouse in a floodway under certain circumstances.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes the rebuilding of a farmhouse in a floodway under certain circumstances.

Provides that replacement home siting other than farmhouses must evaluate flood depth, flood velocity, and flood-related erosion, in order to identify a building site that offers the least risk of harm to life and property.

For all other residential structures located in a designated floodway and damaged by flooding or flood-related erosion, the department is authorized to assess the risk of harm to life and property posed by the specific conditions of the floodway, and, based upon scientific analysis of depth, velocity, and flood-related erosion, may exercise best professional judgment in recommending to the permitting authority, repair, replacement, or relocation of such damaged structures. The effect of the department's recommendation to allow repair or replacement of a flood-damaged residence within the designated floodway is a waiver of the floodway prohibition.