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Gov. Christie Whitman today signed legislation that appropriates \$5.8 million for loans to fund dam restoration and inland water projects.

The bill appropriates funding from the 1992 Dam Restoration Clean Water Trust Fund for projects approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.

The legislation, A-28, was sponsored by Assembly Members Carmine DeSopo (R-Burlington/Camden) and Marion Crecco (R-Essex/Passaic) and Senators Joseph Bubba (R-Essex/Passaic) and Senate President Donald DiFrancesco (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/ Union).

Gov. Whitman also signed the following bills:

S-54, sponsored by Senator Edward O'Connor (D-Hudson), Assembly Member Joseph Charles (D-Hudson) and Assembly Minority Leader Joseph Doria (D-Hudson), establishes a Liberty State Park license plate with fees dedicated to support park projects and programs.

AJR-52, sponsored by Assembly Member Leonard Lance (R- Warren/Hunterdon/ Mercer) and Senators William Schluter (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Bob Littell (R- Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris), designates a portion of state highway Route 57 in Warren County as the "Admiral John D. Bulkeley Memorial Highway." The designation is intended to recognize Admiral Bulkeley's distinguished service in the U.S. Navy. He was a pioneer in torpedo boat tactics and distinguished himself in combat during World War II by rescuing General Douglas MacArthur from the Philippines when the islands fell to the Japanese. Admiral Bulkeley resided for many years in Mansfield Township in Warren County.

S-1012, sponsored by Senator Gerald Cardinale (R-Bergen), the late Senator William Haines (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Camden), and Assembly Members Charles Zisa (D-Bergen) and Guy Talarico (R- Bergen), requires New Jersey Transit to study the feasibility and estimate the cost of instituting passenger service from Weehawken to Northvale. The bill requires the study to be completed within six months of today.

A-1792, sponsored by Assembly Members Anthony Bucco (R-Morris) and Alex DeCroce (R-Essex/Morris/PASSaic) and Senator Gordon MacInnes (D-Morris), permits the town of Boonton, Morris County, to adopt a new municipal charter.

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