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Written testimony in support of SB 2368

Dear Energy and Natural Resource Committee,

I am writing to you today to show my support for SB 2368 which is A Bill for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding a commission to supervise the game and fish department.

I strongly support the idea of studying the benefits that a commission could provide to potentially oversee duties and create policy for the North Dakota Game and Fish office. A commission could provide a voice for all of the different regions across the state that represent different habitats, different land/water uses, difference in species managed by the Game and Fish, etc. Currently, the North Dakota Advisory Board is simply utilized as a sounding board by the current Game and Fish administration, but appears to have very little input in regards to voicing concerns for the regions they represent and have no authority to create policy or effectively advocate for change, should it be needed.

I humbly request that the study be performed which would allow for our state to at least consider the possibility of utilizing a commission, rather than the current system we have now. Please vote yes on SB 2368. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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