

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HB 1253

Submitted by Charitable Gaming Association of North Dakota

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Chair Larson and Committee members, the Charitable Gaming Association of North Dakota is a trade association representing charities that operate gaming activities throughout North Dakota. CGAND fully supports HB 1253 and the crucial aspect of gaming law enforcement it addresses, which has significant implications for charitable organizations.

As you are aware, charitable gaming organizations rely on gaming activities to support their missions and serve our community. Most of these organizations operate with integrity and a sense of responsibility, ensuring compliance with applicable gaming laws and regulations.

However, there are instances where property owners violate state gaming rules or attempt to insert themselves into gaming operations without the knowledge or against the will of the licensed gaming organization. In such cases, it is crucial to recognize that the property owners, rather than the charitable organizations, be held accountable. Currently, the Attorney General's office only has the authority to impose fines and sanctions against the licensed gaming organization. HB 1253 seeks to bridge this gap by empowering the AG to impose fines on property owners without hindering the operations of the charity.

For these reasons, CGAND supports **HB 1253** and respectfully asks for a **Do Pass** recommendation.

Thank you.