

Written Testimony in **opposition** of SB 2168.

As a Sportsman, Resident, and Landowner, I do not support SB 2168. What I legally do on my property is my business, not my neighbors. What is the purpose of this bill, is it a safety issue? The language in this bill only specifies that I cannot “hunt” within 440 yards of someone else’s building, occupied structure, or storage structure, but if I want to fire a high-powered rifle or shotgun at any distance from their building, occupied structure, or storage structure 365 days a year, I am allowed to do that as long as I am not “hunting”? What classifies as a “building”? Is it a fallen down old barn that is 100 years old and 10 miles from the nearest residence? I can’t hunt within 440 yards of that? Why? There is clearly no safety issue. Where does the 440 yards come from? Have there been tests or what is the criteria for determining this distance? I am assuming it’s due to a rifle and how far bullets can travel, but what if I am only bow**hunting**? Some of the places I bow hunt right now are inside of 440 yards of a neighbors building, occupied structure, or storage structure, but there are hills and trees that would prevent any sort of object from traveling 100 yards, not to mention 440 yards. What is considered “hunting” and what is “game”? The bill reads “An individual may not hunt or pursue game.....” If I am 400 yards away from someone else’s building, occupied structure, or storage structure and shoot a ground squirrel 5 feet away from me with a pneumatic air gun, that is illegal because it’s considered hunting and pursuing game inside of the 440 yards and I’m endangering someone? Ridiculous.

This bill is too vague, too restrictive for private landowners, as well as lacks much needed detail and common sense to be approved. I ask for you to vote **NO** and do not pass SB 2168.

Thank you.  
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