



Benefiting North Dakota Communities through Charitable Gaming

Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 1342

Chairman Louser and Members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee:
I'm Scott Meske, representing the North Dakota Gaming Alliance and on behalf of the 152 Members of the NDGA, we offer our support for House Bill 1342 which as Representative Vetter outlined, is an accounting measure for charitable gaming organizations relating to closing a game for reporting purposes.

I believe there are others in the room that will testify in favor also and can give you even better information from the perspective of the charity.

Within each E-Tab machine, there are up to 12 different games a player may choose to play. Each of those games operates independently. At the end of each quarter, they are required to completely close out each game and send a report to the Attorney General's office for tax purposes. The next cycle of the game then begins for the next quarter.

With today's technology, it is unnecessary to close the game. At the end of the quarter, each charity can simply print a report that provides the exact numbers needed to the Attorney General's office without going through the painstaking process of physically closing out each game. Furthermore, it also prevents the charities from taking a loss on that game should they close it and the jackpots in that game have already paid out.

In short, there is no reason to continue this process when the technology allows the exact information needed to be sent to the attorney general. If we pass this bill, this does not affect the tax revenue to the State or the revenues to the charities.



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The North Dakota Gaming Alliance respectfully asks that HB 1342 be given a DO PASS recommendation from this Committee to support to the hundreds of charitable organizations in our State.

Thank you.