

Chairman Louser and the Industry Business & Labor committee,

My name is Steve Vetter, I represent district 18, eastern part of Grand Forks along the Red River. It has a little rural area going as far north as Manvel, ND.

This is a clean up bill for the charitable gaming community. Currently, at the end of each quarter the charities are required to physically close the E tab game and send in a report to the state regulators. However, through technology it is not necessary to shut the game down because the report can be generated electronically at any time without shutting down the game. It eliminates an unnecessary step as the report is the same without shutting down the game. Also more importantly, by shutting the game down prior to allowing it to complete, it can potentially cost the charity money and they would close a game at a loss. For example, if some of the winners have been awarded early in the game, they could have more paid out than paid in.

We don't want our charities to lose money as this would defeat the purpose of having charitable gaming.

I would ask you give this bill a Do Pass recommendation. I will stand for questions but there are experts that will testify after me that could give a better explanation of how everything works.