

Subject: I Oppose HB 1151

Dear committee -

We urge you to reject legislation that seeks to restrict or control the ability of the wildlife professionals at the North Dakota Game and Fish to do their job. That job, according to state law, is managing the wildlife resource on behalf of the public, for current and future generations.

The legislature should not be overruling biological decisions made by a network of professional and experienced biologists and veterinarians who specialize in the subject matter of North Dakota wildlife.

Article XI, Section 27 of the North Dakota constitution states,

“Hunting, trapping, and fishing and the taking of game and fish are a valued part of our heritage and will be forever preserved for the people and managed by law and regulation for the public good.”

H.B.1151 is in direct violation of the North Dakota constitution, North Dakota State Law, the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, the mission of the North Dakota Game and Fish, and a breach of the public trust doctrine that all wild deer in North Dakota belong to.

Do Not Pass H.B. 1151.

Please stand with me and the North Dakota Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in defending North Dakota's public deer resource.

Sincerely,

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