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Mr. Chairman, I am Jeremy Olson, State Representative, District 26, representing most of McKenzie and Dunn Counties, which is the heart of the Bakken oil play and some very good hunting areas. I am the prime sponsor for HB 1260 at the request of the ND Department of Game and Fish. HB 1260 is for habitat development on private land, public access, and the issuing of special antlerless elk depredation management licenses.

Under Section 1 the Game and Fish Department can develop agreements to compensate private landowners for habitat development and access and to work on land access agreements in pursuit of these programs.

Under Section 2, a provision was added to allow the director to issue special antlerless elk depredation management licensees to landowners in designated areas. These areas must also be open to other hunters, as the objective of this provision is elk herd management in selected areas.

I'm going to leave the details of HB 1260 to the presenters following me, but would be happy to answer any questions that I can.

Respectfully,

Jeremy L Olson
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