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Relating to Site Authorization & Allowable Expense
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Good morning, Madam Chair Larson, and Senate Judiciary members my name is Deb McDaniel, I am the Director of Charitable Gaming under the Office of Attorney General.

I am here today to point out concerns relating to HB 1296.

- This bill takes away the authority from the local governing bodies as to who may conduct gaming in their jurisdictions and gives that authority to site owners.
- The governing bodies do not have authority to deny for due cause.
- Governing bodies may deny due to violating a local ordinance however most do not have local ordinances and to set up local ordinances or to amend them there would be a cost.
- This bill increases the allowable expense limit for organizations whose total adjusted gross proceeds are equal to or less than one hundred thousand dollars. This may affect approximately 160 organizations out of 300 plus organizations. Though increasing the allowable expenses would give some relief to organizations it would lessen the amount to be distributed to charitable purposes.

I would be happy to stand for questions.