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**Senate Judiciary Committee
House Bill No. 1484
Relating to Definitions of "off sale" and "on sale" and Site Authorization
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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 would define an "on sale" and "off sale" site. However, any site allowed to have "on sale" alcoholic beverages may be authorized by the local governing body to have gaming conducted in that site. This could include coffee shops, hair salons, gas stations, grocery stores, or any site a local governing body allows "on sale" alcoholic beverages. Should this bill pass, it would greatly expand the number of sites allowed to have gaming conducted in them and would also require this office to request additional FTE's to monitor and regulate these sites.
- The final approval of an authorized site is removed from the Attorney General. Local jurisdictions may not know if an organization is behind in submitting tax returns or late in payment of taxes. A local jurisdictional may not know if the organization is under suspension by our office or that a site owner is not complying with gaming laws and rules or may owe an organization a bar loan.
- This bill would also take away the authority of the Attorney General as to who may assist an organization with the conduct of games.

I would be happy to stand for any questions.