

**Testimony in Support of  
SENATE BILL NO. 2336  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
January 31, 2023**

Madam Chair Diane Larson, Senate Judiciary Committee members, for the record my name is Rick Stenseth. I have been in charitable gaming since 1983. I am a Gaming Manager for two local organizations in Fargo that both conduct charitable gaming (Northern Prairie Performing Arts (NPPA) aka Fargo-Moorhead Community Theatre & Team Makers Club). I am submitting this testimony through our NPPA lobbyist, Todd D. Kranda (#58), who is an attorney with the Kelsch Ruff Kranda Nagle & Ludwig Law Firm in Mandan.

NPPA is favor of SB 2336. This bill will correct an inconsistency that currently exists in statute. Today, it is not allowable for an organization that conducts gaming to locate in their main building, used in the pursuit of their mission, anything within that building for certain aspects involved in the conduct of gaming, excepting veteran's groups.

When this limitation is enforced, an organization must procure a location separate from their main building to house gaming administration and storage of records and equipment. This is a large expense that will not be necessary with the passage of SB 2336.

We are presenting an amendment, copy attached, which will make these opportunities clearly available. The amendment just clarifies the intent of the original bill and is offered after review by the Attorney General's Gaming Division.

SB 2336 then will allow for an organization to include space withing real property used for their primary purpose to address these aspects of their gaming operations. This space is not to be used for the conduct of any game type (Veteran's organizations are still exempt). Organizations will be allowed to have gaming staff involved in the administration, auditing, and recordkeeping to use space with their main building and not have to rent or buy additional space for those parts of the gaming operations.

SB 2336 is a positive and necessary action. We support and urge the adoption of the amendment and then a favorable **DO PASS as amended** recommendation on the bill.

Attachment – Proposed Amendment

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2336**

Page 4, line 27, remove the overstrike over “~~not use net proceeds for~~”

Page 4, line 28, remove the overstrike over “~~administrative or operating expenses involving the conduct of games~~” and insert immediately thereafter “but may”

Renumber accordingly