

I am in favor of HB 1151 for the following reasons. As a landowner I feel its not ok for the Game and Fish to rule that we cannot bait especially if its on my own property. On a winter like the one we are experiencing either way I am feeding the deer/wildlife weather its in my pastures or in my yard where I keep the feed for my livestock. And its not only on winters like the current one it's every year that I get deer that accumulate to my ranch and they help themselves to my corn silage piles, alfalfa bales(or any bales) and to my grain piles used to feed my calves. One thing that helps is spreading feed out away from the yard to keep them out in the open in smaller groups. I dont believe there is an issue with disease as far as I can see because ever winter for a number of years these deer are grouping up at my ranch and the numbers do not decrease.

I also do not see an issue with hunting over bait. It helps get our youth more involved in hunting and also allows for a better shot opportunity. As long as we are lawfully hunting there shouldn't be a reason we cannot bait.

Thank you for reading this and please vote YES on HB 1151

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