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Testimony on HB 1409

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Chairman Patten and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Brian Hosek and I'm the Business Operations Manager of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. I am testifying today in support of HB 1409.

The Department frequently promotes opportunity for hunters and anglers and closely monitors participation to better understand that opportunity in the future. States have varying regulations when it comes to offering similar licenses or even defining game. The passage of this bill will make these opportunities consistent for all youth regardless of the offerings in their state.

The Department understands we are blessed with great outdoor resources. While participating in the outdoors, experiences for youth plant a seed for their future. These experiences can result in future visits from these individuals or even having some consider making North Dakota their home.

This bill provides some consistency for youth license requirements and clarity of existing law. For these reasons, the Department respectfully requests a DO PASS on HB 1409. This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.