



Benefiting North Dakota Communities through Charitable Gaming

Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 1290

Chairman Klemin and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I'm Scott Meske, representing the North Dakota Gaming Alliance and on behalf of the Members of the NDGA, we offer our support for House Bill 1290 which as Representative Vetter outlined, is an accounting measure for charitable gaming organizations relating to closing a game for reporting purposes.

I have a couple people here to explain in detail how this benefits charitable gaming operations, and I will try to provide a high level summary for your background.

Within each E-Tab machine, there are up to 12 different games a player may choose to play. Each of those games operates independently. At the end of each quarter, they are required to completely close out each game and send a report to the Attorney General's office for tax purposes. The next cycle of the game then begins for the next quarter.

However, as the games are played, they may pay out larger prizes at the beginning of the quarter, or at the end of the quarter, causing some smaller charities to be running in the red. This bill allows the quarterly reporting to be done without closing out the game, giving the charities a chance to even out the total payouts on each of the games.

The technology would allow for the same quarterly report to be sent to the AG's office, without having to stop the individual game. Again, this allows the charity to be able to even out the overall payouts, regardless of when the players might hit a winning ticket.

To the charities, this is an accounting issue that technology allows, if we pass this bill.

This does not affect the tax revenue to the State or the revenues to the charities.



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The North Dakota Gaming Alliance respectfully asks that HB 1290 be given a DO PASS recommendation from this Committee to support to the hundreds of charitable organizations in our State.

Following me, I'd like to introduce Patrick McCollum, who is an expert from Charitable Gaming Distributors who can succinctly explain the technology and benefits of this bill.

Thank you.