



**Testimony in Opposition of
HOUSE BILL NO. 1290
House Judiciary Committee
January 22, 2025**

Chairman Klemin, House 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, who is an attorney with the Kelsch Ruff Kranda Nagle & Ludwig Law Firm in Mandan.

HB 1290 is an attempt to change the closing and reporting of activity involving electronic pull tab games. Such a change would require a significant redevelopment of organizations' internal controls, along with some procedures, while deviating from what electronic pull tabs were originally intended to be.

Electronic pull tabs are intended to be conducted just as paper pull tabs have been for decades. That includes being closed and audited on a quarterly basis. As an operator, the proposed language would provide organizations with no real benefit or cost savings. It would also force the Attorney General's Gaming Division to change tax return reporting, and to update the software recently instituted to make reporting and auditing easier.

Organizations will have to run the same reports and file the same information we have been doing, not saving any time or cost for an organization. Nor is there any enhancement in control over the game's accuracy. I am not sure just what this intended language is supposed to achieve? It seems that certain manufacturers may want to amend the rules to better suit their operations or open the door to conduct that cannot take place with quarter closing.

I am opposed to making changes to any Statute that has proven to be a solid, consistent, accounting of any game that does show itself to be beneficial to the industry as a whole.

Accordingly, 1290 is opposed. We urge a **DO NOT PASS** recommendation on 1290.

Sincerely,
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