

Dear House Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 1237. Non-resident upland hunters can already hunt all season long if they purchase multiple licenses. This bill opens the door for non-resident upland hunters to come to North Dakota for outstanding upland hunting opportunity but contribute less to the management of our game species, if they decide to hunt a longer season. Based on the fiscal note, this would put the Game and Fish Department in a deficit with regards to non-resident upland license sales. Non-resident hunters that come to our great State to take advantage of abundant upland game should be paying a premium to do so. We shouldn't provide a free for all option, if they are going to come to play they should pay to support management appropriately.

Please vote DO NOT PASS on HB 1237.

Sincerely,

Curt Francis