

Good morning Chairman Porter and Members of the Committee;

Re: **HB 1237, this bill should get a DO NOT PASS** recommendation from Committee and on the Floor.

Not sure WHY some legislators want a CHEAP, SEASON LONG upland license for non-residents. It makes no sense as license costs are NOT a limiting factor when it comes to non-resident hunters.

The fiscal note says the change to a full season license will cost the NDGF \$173,000/year. So WE LOSE MONEY on this bill?!

Any non-resident that wants to hunt the whole season can already do so. Any one that has the TIME to spend the whole season chasing pheasants in another state obviously has the MONEY, too. License cost is irrelevant.

By comparison, a 14-day non-resident ND upland license costs \$150. A single-day lift ticket at Big Sky Ski Resort costs \$228.00.

There is absolutely no reason to pass a bill that would provide cheap licenses for 716 (2024#) non-resident hunters at the expense of every other license-buying hunter. This amount to creation of new law benefitting 2.6% on the non-resident upland hunters.

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2024 NR 14-DAY SMALL GAME	
LIC PURCHASED	TOTAL HUNTERS
7	1
6	4
5	3
4	16
3	88
2	603
1	26216
TOTAL	26931

2023 NR 14-DAY SMALL GAME	
LIC PURCHASED	TOTAL HUNTERS
8	1
6	3
5	7
4	28
3	99

2023 NR 14-DAY SMALL GAME	
LIC PURCHASED	TOTAL HUNTERS
2	653
1	24209
TOTAL	25000

2022 NR 14-DAY SMALL GAME	
LIC PURCHASED	TOTAL HUNTERS
8	1
5	4
4	13
3	57
2	446
1	20853
TOTAL	21374

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