

TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY  
NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION  
HOUSE BILL 1260  
HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 24, 2025

Chairman Porter and Members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

For the record, I am John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation (NDWF).

NDWF is in support of HB 1250 which would allow the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to use current year population numbers instead of the previous year's. Our mule deer population can and has fluctuated dramatically in the course of one year. To allocate licenses based on a previous year of a healthy herd where the following season a herd has been decimated by environmental conditions is a poor system. It is unfair to both resident and non-resident sportsmen allocating tags utilizing this method. Using current year populations is a better reflection of the resource, and ensures that allocations are more accurately aligned with population trends.

We urge a Do Pass on HB 1250.