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In opposition of HB 2137

I stand in opposition of HB 2137 which removes the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's ability to effectively manage habitat and wildlife following acceptable science-based management practices.

HB 2137 seeks to remove the department's ability to manage wildlife, primarily big game species. The science which supports not providing a means for big game to congregate in larger than natural conditions, in the case of HB 2137 over a non-natural food source, increases the probable of disease propagation. A higher level of disease propagation will lead to the decline of the species.

I recommend the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee to not support HB 2137.

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