

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**03/17/2017**

Amendment to: HB 1419

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<b>Appropriations</b>				\$250,000		

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- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

The proposed bill amendment provides an appropriation for a shooting sports grant program in schools, clubs, and organized youth groups in the state.

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The bill amendment provides an appropriation for a shooting sports grant program.

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None.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The department shall establish a shooting sports grant program which may be made available to schools, clubs, and organized youth groups in the state. The funds appropriated under this section may be used to provide grants to promote and facilitate the shooting sport grant program.

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This bill appropriates \$250,000 from the game and fish fund to the game and fish department for the purpose of establishing and administering a shooting sport grant program.

**Name:** Kim Kary

**Agency:** ND Game and Fish Dept

**Telephone:** 328-6605

**Date Prepared:** 03/19/2017

**FISCAL NOTE**  
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**02/06/2017**

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**Date Prepared:** 02/07/2017

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**Date Prepared:** 02/07/2017

**FISCAL NOTE**  
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**01/16/2017**

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The bill creates a new subsection of the NDCC relating to: 1) the duty of the director to make classroom instruction on firearm safety available; 2) director may charge a fee.

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As written, there is a small impact with an increase of revenue. It is dependent on the fee charged, amount of classes provided and the number of participants. There could be an increase of expenditures if we had to hire instructors or contract services.

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**Date Prepared:** 01/30/2017



**2017 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HB 1419**

# 2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Energy and Natural Resources Committee Coteau –A Room, State Capitol

HB 1419  
2/3/2017  
27871

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

*Kathleen Davis*

### Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the duty of the director of the game and fish department to offer firearm safety instruction

### Minutes:

Attachment #1 - #2

**Chairman Porter:** Called the committee to order on HB 1419.

**Rep. Mock:** This bill places in statute in 20.1-02-04, the section of code relating to the responsibilities of the director of Game and Fish, that a classroom instruction on firearm safety be made available through the Dept. of Game and Fish through qualified instructors. The bill comes as a request from a constituent who is treasurer of the East Grand Forks Gun Club and does regularly conducts concealed weapons training and works with hunter safety programs. We've notice in Grand Forks, there is a growth of shooting sports throughout the area. The 2 clubs in the Grand Forks area have expanded trap shooting ranges because students are getting more involved and becoming a growing competitive sport, even at the high school level. The constituent's concern was as firearms become more prevalent, we're not doing enough to ensure proper handling of firearms. There's not enough safety classes available to the public. There are some people not interested in hunting, they don't want conceal carry, but they want to be comfortable around firearms, and not everyone has the resources. We now have HB 1419. I've had a chance to visit with Mr. Steinwand, Game and Fish, and others about the bill. As written, this would go in the responsibilities of the Game and Fish. There was concern about that and the department director said it would be better and make it optional requirement. We've done some more homework on this. The premise is to enhance firearm safety and provide firearm safety opportunities to the general public, and to students. We have a captive audience in our education system it's a great opportunity to teach and bring awareness to students across ND, basic firearm fundamentals. Presented 2 Amendments in his testimony. I do believe the Game and Fish offers some safety provisions and has in their budget \$40,000 for some safety courses. The first one is 17.0844.01001 version. The second amendment is the 17.0844.01002 version which would replace the bill and make it an appropriation and would have to be acted on today. Again, the .01001 version, none of that language changes, just changes the section of code that would be placed. The .01002, we didn't have a good estimate, so as a placeholder we put \$250k of Game and Fish appropriations of special funds to be used to develop a firearm

safety program and specifically to allow for a grant program to be created so schools would have this as an option program within their school districts. It would not be limited to public schools, available to all schools. In 2007 there was a statewide archery program that was codified. It's in 20.1-08-04.12, specifically establishing a statewide network of shooting locations for youth to become familiar with archery equipment and firearms, under the supervision of a certified hunter ed instructor. In that same year, there was an appropriation in the Game and Fish, SB 2017, Section 6, it was legislative intent of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly that \$100k contained in the grants line item, should be used to carry out a grant program to encourage hunting by youth. Director of Game and Fish Dept. may provide grants under this program to local communities to fund shooting ranges and other related activities encouraging hunting by youth. We have a precedent of working with students. We'd like to expand this and make firearm safety a component of that, which is the intent of the second proposed amendment. For the record, from Rick Sandwick, treasurer of the East Grand Forks Gun Club, noted, relating to the permit less carry, that, "we as a committee will evaluate HB 1169 and other firearm bills that we also consider safety provisions as we're expanding access to firearms. He says another important topic is there's a lack of any sort of training of any sort of a firearm; personally he grew up with firearms in my family, taught to treat them respectfully, and was made aware of how important it is to handle them safely. Many new people want to get into shooting but have no training or familiarity with firearms. When I have the opportunity I show them what I know in hopes they keep safe and keep others safe. Currently the only formal training available to the general population is through hunter safety. Not all new shooters and people who just want to know more about firearms want to hunt. They do not want to sit through hunter safety training. It'd be great if the ND Game and Fish had the resources including people and funding to offer each region or major population area of ND a basic firearm safety course. Something outside the title of hunter safety."

**Rep. Bosch** Do you see this curriculum significantly different than hunter safety?

**Rep. Mock:** There would be additional elements. Hunter safety focuses exclusively on shotguns and rifles. It's not exclusive to just firearm safety of your weapon. It's land management, recognizing game. The hunter safety is much more comprehensive than any firearm safety. If this were developed in addition, this would be basic safe handling, how to recognize a loaded firearm, how to properly store it, utilization of cable locks, etc. If this was a course at college, it would be Firearm Safety 101.

**Rep. Anderson:** This would have to be held off of school property?

**Rep. Mock:** I couldn't speak to that specifically. The archery program is available through schools and administered through the extension service.

**Chairman Porter:** It could be on school property. The weapons Game and Fish now use for their firearm safety courses are dummy weapons so they're aren't considered weapons, so you could do it on school property.

**Rep. Keiser:** One amendment makes it possible for Game and Fish to do this. Did you talk to the department if we had a community and 30-40 people wanted gun safety 101 would you, the Game and Fish Dept. consider sending someone to teach this? Do we need a bill for them to do it?

**Rep. Mock** I don't know that a request has been made. One of the questions emerged with Mr. Steinwand, is I don't believe the Game and Fish has dummy weapons for handguns. He wasn't sure they had those materials on hand without some legislative action.

**Chairman Porter:** Testimony in support? Opposition?

**16:00**

**Greg Link**, Game and Fish, Conservation Division Chief, presented Attachment 2 requesting a Do Not Pass. Rep. Mock indicated we had \$40k in the budget for this type of thing. What we have is for the huge interest in high school clay shooting with shotguns. We view this as a gateway opportunity, like our national archery in the schools program, where we have a grant program of \$100k. We're looking at \$40k as seed money to start helping that clay league take off. We also have that \$100k grant program for youth mentor hunts, for archery, hunting or shooting, education or mentoring, we provide grants for that. Our hunter education program includes safety and use of rifles, shotguns, handguns, and muzzleloaders.

**Chairman Porter:** What is your projecting ending balance in July 2017, the trust fund.

**Link:** I'm not sure.

**Chairman Porter:** Anybody got a guess? \$22 million about? OK, it's approximately \$22 million. We have a floor on that of \$15million or \$17 million. I know you had not seen this amendment to just do it as a grant program and allow you to administer it and purchase materials and find people out there to do it, kind of like archery in the schools. I'm taken back when you say you don't feel it's the department's role to teach the non-hunting public firearm safety when you make money off of that individual by them buying their ammunition and weapons. So you're getting a revenue source from the non-hunting public that's interested in target shooting. I'm a little taken back you don't think it's part of your responsibility to reinvest in that group, and just take the money.

**Link:** I understand your concern. I want to clarify by saying, we definitely have Pitman Robertson collect tax off of firearms and ammunition nationwide and puts that back into the state's hands for managing and conserving wildlife and feeds our mission. The trouble is, we've seen this demand for purchase of firearms and that's a very big job out there, teaching everyone out there, the use, how do you defend yourself, things we don't have expertise in? We have 700 volunteer instructors who are tapped out. We're trying to recruit more instructors because just the hunter education program has a lot of demand. We hear every day, "I can't get into a class." We're trying to expand where our true responsibility is, that hunter education program. We whole heartedly support the education of our public when they buy a firearm and intend to use that firearm. We're saying that service is out there and I'm not sure how it will be any more effective. If that was put on us, we'd have to contract service providers to do that job. I don't think we'd be able to put that on top of our volunteer instructors.

**Chairman Porter:** Don't you already do that in the archery in the schools' program?

**24:07**

**Link:** Yes that's right. That's teachers as part of the athletic classes or almost like a sport, where they're taking a coach and developing a team that would compete with neighboring schools and there's a state tournament. A great gateway sport. We see shotgunning for the clay league in the schools as the same way. High schools are putting together teams just like a tennis team. We would have to develop criteria, curriculum, and certification, who passes, do we keep track of certification for anyone who wants to have a gun in their home for home protection. We think that service is out there in the private sector. Like our NAS program, that new movement of having shotgunning is a great thing we want to be involved in by providing grants to that.

**Rep. Anderson:** How many schools are participating in the shooting clay? It shouldn't be that much more difficult to teach handgun safety.

**Link:** I think 40-50 schools in clay target shooting league.

**Chairman Porter:** Further questions? Opposition? Close the hearing on HB 1419.

**28:01**

**Chairman Porter:** Committee work discussion. The amendment .01002 is the one that interests me the most. As I work to develop archery in the school's program I ran up against the same kind of resistance. The key points we need to keep in mind, is that on the tax for the target shooter or gun purchaser, Game and Fish gets that money to develop things just like this. I don't think it's outside of their purview to either develop the curriculum or to use the curriculum already established by numerous organizations, the NRA being one of them. We're already spending \$40k of the Game and Fish fund because the clay shooting sport inside the high school system requires them to have some type of safety training. We're aren't reinventing the wheel; we're expanding the wheel to all of ND inside of a program. I think the amendment 01002 is exactly the direction that we should promote and take forward. It's a money maker for Game and Fish when someone buys the stuff and whether they're going to hunt or not, if they keep target shooting and find the love of the sport of shooting long distance targets or standing out at the range south of Mandan and shooting their pistol, that's a revenue stream for our Game and Fish. Further discussion?

**Rep. Heinert:** I agree. I like amendment .01002 as well. My question is what expertise does Game and Fish have in the handgun side of all this? To what level that is?

**Chairman Porter:** I think the important part of this is, we're not asking Game and Fish to teach this, or to create a program. We're saying Game and Fish can provide grants to administer it. There's already existing programs out there that teachers and, when we did the archery in the school program, there was already some national criteria that we bought in to and started teaching. Game and Fish's role in this is, we're taking some of the tax money people are spending on firearms and ammunition and we're redirecting it back into an education program. We may come back and 2 years and find the amount of money spent on this grant program and no one was interested. Unless you say you want to try it and have money available for them to promote it, we aren't going to know. We already know the clay pigeon shooting sport in eastern ND has gone to the point there's \$40k of expenditures in

their budget, to teach a firearm safety course in the eastern part of the state, because they cannot participate, those kids, unless they've had hunter ed, cannot participate in that sport without going through firearm safety. So teachers or coaches are already doing something. Further discussion?

**Rep. Roers Jones:** I think this is a good opportunity to look into because with what we're considering, with the constitutional carry bill, I would like to see more people to take gun safety. I wonder with the grant program, are we limiting this access to students, rather than students and adults, which I think Rep. Mock's original intent was. Is this going to be affecting the private sector individuals already providing handgun safety or training programs, or would those people be able to be hired on as instructors under the grant program.

**Chairman Porter:** It works completely in line with the existing programs out there. If someone is interested in expanding their business and being that person, they can talk with the local school system, put in for a grant with the local school system, and expand themselves. There's been many times I've gone to school, sat in the back of the classroom on a class my kids were attending, that I found interesting. I think it also pushes the other part of the enhancement to that business, is that if their kids are learning and want to learn, Dad says let's go down to the gun store and see what kind of gun course I can take and start getting into target shooting. I think it's a gateway for the kids, to get more parents interested and trained, and a revenue producer at a point back to Game and Fish because some of these folks will buy a gun and ammunition and use the ranges we've spent hundreds of thousands of Game and Fish money on to enhance our shooting ranges across the state. I look at it as a real win win.

**Rep. Bosch:** You talk about the archery. Do they charge for that program?

**Chairman Porter:** It's not an elective but a voluntary program typically the gym teacher has to be interested in. The equipment is made available to them at no cost to do. It's not a mandatory training program. The teachers are using it as a component inside their gym classes. Further discussion?

**Vice Chairman Damschen:** I move we adopt Amendment .01002, more appropriately referred to as the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment (laughter).

**Rep. Anderson:** Second

**Chairman Porter:** further discussion. Seeing none, all those in favor say Aye, opposed. Motion carries. We have an amended bill.

**Rep. Ruby:** I'll recommend a Do Pass on HB 1419 as amended with a rereferral to Appropriations.

**Rep. Roers Jones:** Second.

**Chairman Porter:** We have a recommendation for a Do Pass from Rep. Ruby for a Do Pass, on HB 1419 as amended with a referral to appropriations, second by Rep. Roers Jones. Any discussion, roll call vote as follows: 14 yes 0 no 0 absent. Rep. Heinert, carrier.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1419

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Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1419

House Energy & Natural Resources Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17, 0844, 01002

Recommendation

- Adopt Amendment 01002
- Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation
- As Amended     Rerefer to Appropriations
- Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions     Reconsider     \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Rep Damschen    Seconded By Rep Anderson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Porter			Rep. Lefor		
Vice Chairman Damschen			Rep. Marschall		
Rep. Anderson			Rep. Roers Jones		
Rep. Bosch			Rep. Ruby		
Rep. Devlin			Rep. Seibel		
Rep. Heinert					
Rep. Keiser			Rep. Mitskog		
			Rep. Mock		

*voice  
vote  
carried*

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:



Date: 2-3-17

Roll Call Vote #: 2

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1419

House Energy & Natural Resources Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17.0844.01002

Recommendation

- Adopt Amendment
- Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation
- As Amended     Refer to Appropriations
- Place on Consent Calendar
- Other Actions     Reconsider     \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Rep Ruby    Seconded By Rep Roers Jones

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Porter	✓		Rep. Lefor	✓	
Vice Chairman Damschen	✓		Rep. Marschall	✓	
Rep. Anderson	✓		Rep. Roers Jones	✓	
Rep. Bosch	✓		Rep. Ruby	✓	
Rep. Devlin	✓		Rep. Seibel	✓	
Rep. Heinert	✓				
Rep. Keiser	✓		Rep. Mitskog	✓	
			Rep. Mock	✓	

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment Rep Heinert

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1419: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1419 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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**2017 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**

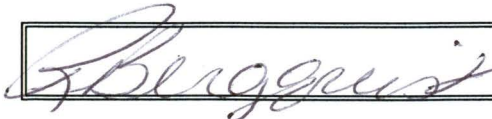
**HB 1419**

# 2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Appropriations Committee**  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1419  
2/8/2017  
28071

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee



## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for a firearm safety program.

## Minutes:

**Representative Porter, District 34:** HB 1419 is a bill that works with class room firearm safety. We worked with the sponsor, we worked with game and fish and we came up with a program that they are already doing inside on North Dakota Game and Fish. They already have the archery in the schools program that we created in the early 2000s. It's a huge success, there's even a statewide competition that they do. This program is an expansion that they are doing in order allow students to do trap shooting in the school. It would be a new sport, it's a club level sport, so it's not a high school athletic sanctioned sport as of yet. In order to do the sport as part of the school they need to have a basic firearms safety course. We heard from people that they thought this was a great idea and a great investment of our game and fish dollars. Part of the Pittman-Robertson money that comes into the game and fish and funds them as a special funds agency, is the sales of ammunition and firearms. So if the person isn't interested in hunting but may be interested in target shooting, clay shooting or trap shooting, they don't have to do the hunting. This is for the recruitment and retention of the kids at an early age, we felt that since the schools have shown an interest in having this type of program we could reinvest some of our game and fish dollars that come from those various sales to help educate the kids.

**2:30 Chairman Delzer:** Is there language that would prohibit them from doing that now if they had the appropriation authority?

**Representative Porter:** There was 40 thousand in the budget for the training for shooting sports, this would expand that. So certainly as your subsection could enhance that with some language of that's what it's for. The bill is the appropriation after we identified the program.

**Chairman Delzer:** What is the differences between this and hunter safety?

**Representative Porter:** Hunter safety is about hunting game, cleaning of game, survival skills, this is just about firearm safety. There are other programs; the Shooting Sports of

America has a course they could adopt and help promote, the NRA also has a course. There's probably six or seven different courses they could adopt but this one focuses on target shooting, gun safety and cleaning your weapon.

**Chairman Delzer:** Do they have to have a certificate to do this?

**Representative Porter:** There's not there's just a box to check, if they want to participate in a school program they would have to complete this program first.

**Representative Nathe:** What was the discussion about having the guns in school?

**Representative Porter:** We didn't have anyone from the school opposed to this. We know the game and fish uses inoperable weapons, so they can be used anywhere without any restrictions.

**Representative Nathe:** So they would fit the no guns' policy at schools?

**Representative Porter:** They are not considered guns they are considered props; like what you would use for a school play.

**Representative Kempenich:** I think they are all painted orange as well.

**Representative Brandenburg:** This money for Pittman-Robertson could be used as a line item for this program?

**Representative Porter:** I don't know that it would be a direct use of that money but it's a direct use of game and fish money special funds. What I am saying is that when someone buys one of those items it's a tax the comes back to game and fish.

**Representative Brandenburg:** I just want to make sure this would fit in there.

**Representative Porter:** I know they would tell you that some of those funds are tied directly back to a combination of the tax and license sales so it goes kind of back and forth.

**7:40 Representative Meier:** What age would they offer this course?

**Representative Porter:** I don't know that we decided on an age, that would be between game and fish and the schools. Hunter safety is at age 10, maybe 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade level.

**Chairman Delzer:** This says they *shall*, does it need to be *shall*, would we better off putting into the game and fish budget expanding that budget by that line item?

**Representative Porter:** I like this language better because than that because if they don't than they don't have excesses to the funds.

**Chairman Delzer:** But it doesn't say how much they should do, they could do a half a one for half a day and they'd cover the bill.

**Representative Porter:** With the success of the archery school program and the recruitment and retention issues inside of our hunting population, I see this as being a total mirror of the archery in the school's program that will get kids interested in it.

**Chairman Delzer:** You think they have 40 thousand in there for this? If we passed this bill than we need to take that 40 thousand

**Representative Porter:** Or leave it at 290 thousand

**Chairman Delzer:** Further discussion?

# 2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB1419  
2/13/2017  
28292

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

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## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for a firearm safety program.

## Minutes:

**Chairman Delzer:** Open the meeting for HB 1419. This is a bill which would appropriate \$250,000 to the Game and Fish Department for firearm safety program.

**Rep. Brandenburg:** I think we may need some different language from Terry Steinwand on this because Rep. Nathe had the same conversation and we need to make some changes.

**Chairman Delzer:** Do you have any idea what you want? I am not sure that we should have shall in there we may want to change that to may.

**Rep. Brandenburg:** We will add a line in there saying that its specific to hunter safety and Rep. Nathe. It has to be designated to where it has to go.

**Rep. Nathe:** The line reads enhanced programs for hunter education, hunter development, firearm and archery safety. Hunter development programs introduced individuals to and to recruit them to take part in hunting, bow hunting, target shooting, or archery.

**Chairman Delzer:** where is that supposed to go?

**Rep. Brandenburg:** At the end but on the bill.  
It is a hog house bill the main point is that the funds, the Pitman Roberts Funds must be designated where they will be.

**Chairman Delzer:** Alex any idea where it should go?

**Alex:** LC: I haven't seen it as of yet.

**Chairman Delzer:** Do you know where this should go? It looks to me like it should be before the last sentence.

Terry Steinwand: North Dakota Game and Fish Department: We had asked this is what we got for a verbal request on it. I had to send a letter last Friday on it and are waiting for a response on it but this as written it wouldn't be eligible for federal aid funds nor without the language could we use state funds on it. Part of the language is that we must spent it on this. It has to be related to some shooting sport.

If you look at line number 8 I think it's the word "must" is the word they have a problem with.

**Chairman Delzer:** We don't have a bill with the numbers on it. Is it 03000.

**Terry Steinwand:** Yes that is the one. I can ask for a delay if we could wait we still do not have a response from them.

**Chairman Delzer:** The fact is if you think that language is close? What about the word shall?

**Terry Steinwand:** I think that needs to be changed and yes shall also.

**Chairman Delzer:** Can we go ahead and put these two changes on?

**Terry Steinwand:** I'm thinking that those two changes will do it.

**Rep. Nathe:** On HB 1419 line 8 let's change shall to "may" and must to "may" I Make a motion to change shall to "may" and must to may

**Rep. Monson:** seconded the motion.

**Chairman Delzer:** Is there any discussion? There is a motion made to amend the engrossed HB 1419.

**Rep.J. Nelson:** Are we adding the language that was passed?

**Chairman Delzer:** Voice vote all in favor motion carries. We have the amended bill before us.

**Rep. Nathe:** I ask for a do pass as amended on HB 1419.

**Rep. Streyle:** Second the motion.

**Chairman Delzer:** A Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: 20      Nay: 0      Absent: 1

**Rep. Nathe:** Will carry the floor assignment.



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Title.03000

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for  
House Appropriations Committee  
February 14, 2017

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1419

Page 1, line 8, replace "shall" with "may"

Page 1, line 8, replace "must" with "may"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/13/2017  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1419**

House Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: Change shall to may and must to may 17-0844.02001  
03000

Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended     Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar  
Other Actions:  Reconsider     \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Representative Nathe Seconded By Representative Monson

Representatives		Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Delzer				
Representative Kempenich		Representative Streyle		
Representative: Boehning		Representative Vigesaa		
Representative: Brabandt				
Representative Brandenburg				
Representative Kading		Representative Boe		
Representative Kreidt		Representative Delmore		
Representative Martinson		Representative Holman		
Representative Meier				
Representative Monson				
Representative Nathe				
Representative J. Nelson				
Representative Pollert				
Representative Sanford				
Representative Schatz				
Representative Schmidt				

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**Motion Carries**

Date: 2/13/2017  
Roll Call Vote # 2

**2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1419**

House Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended  Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar  
Other Actions:  Reconsider  \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Representative Nathe Seconded By Representative Streyle

Representatives		Representatives		Yes	No
Chairman Delzer	X				
Representative Kempenich	X	Representative Streyle		X	
Representative: Boehning	X	Representative Vigesaa		X	
Representative: Brabandt	X				
Representative Brandenburg	X				
Representative Kading	X	Representative Boe		X	
Representative Kreidt		Representative Delmore		X	
Representative Martinson	X	Representative Holman		X	
Representative Meier	X				
Representative Monson	X				
Representative Nathe	X				
Representative J. Nelson	X				
Representative Pollert	X				
Representative Sanford	X				
Representative Schatz	X				
Representative Schmidt	X				

Total (Yes) 20 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Representative Nathe

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**Motion Carries**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

HB 1419, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (20 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1419 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 8, replace "shall" with "may"

Page 1, line 8, replace "must" with "may"

Renumber accordingly

**2017 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HB 1419**

# 2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Energy and Natural Resources Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1419  
3/10/2017  
Job # 29043

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



**Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution: To provide an appropriation for a firearm safety program.**

**Minutes:**

Atch#1,#2,#3; Atch#4=Mock Amendment  
;Atch #5, #6, #7=Kim Kary

**Chairwoman Unruh:** Let's Open HB 1419.

**Rep. Corey Mock,** Dist. 18, Grand Forks, ND: I am one of the sponsors. (see Atch #1, #2, #3) I was visiting with some concealed permit instructors in Grand Forks, and some board members of gun clubs. We were seeing what the state could do to encourage more programs that would teach basic firearm safety. We know we have hunter education. There are concealed weapons permit classes and more instructions on the laws and regulations a conceal firearm. No course to encourage basic firearm safety. We drafted this to allow Game and Fish to offer a course. We amended a few times. It says we appropriate \$250,000 for the purpose of creating firearm safety course. Game and Fish will speak on this more. We drafted an amendment with Game and Fish and Wildlife management (see Atch#4) (7.35)

**Kim Kary,** Administrative Services Division Chief, Game and Fish: (8.34) (see Atch#5) We are in support with the amendments added. We were concerned about the diversion of funds. I have enclosed the diversion letters. (see Atch#6). Also, I have attached the new language and a letter from US Dept. of the Interior. (see Atch#7) We want to include clubs not just schools. We have a good relationship with Denver and they liked what we wanted changed. Do Pass with amendments.

**Sen. Cook:** Did you say this program would supply guns and ammunition to clubs?

**Kim:** It is a grant so dollars. We set up criteria. Ammunition, targets, things like that.

**Sen. Cook:** Was wondering if schools store guns.

**Chairwoman Unruh:** I would assume most schools have a policy in place for that

**Kim:** There are 35 schools already doing it. There must be some mechanism and it is like an afterschool program.

**Mike McEnroe,** ND Wildlife Federation: We stand in support of the amendments. The diversion of funds is a concern. Do Pass with amendments. We have donated \$15,000 this year to high school trap shooting programs. (16.04) We don't provide guns.

**Chairwoman Unruh:** Any more in support? Any opposed? Seeing none, hearing is closed.

# 2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Energy and Natural Resources Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB1419  
3/16/2017  
Job# 29315

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature 

### Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

#### Minutes:

Committee work

**Chairwoman Unruh:** We are on a bill relating re-engrossed HB 1419. Sen. Oban, did you have anything on amendments?

**Sen. Oban:** The amendment that was brought by sponsor was already prepared by LC

**Sen. Oban:** I move amendment 17.0844.03001.      **Sen. Armstrong:** I second

**Chairwoman Unruh:** Committee discussion. I like it and helps the bill and provides some dollars for good programs. All in favor say, yea. Any opposed, same sign. Amendment passed.

**Chairwoman Unruh:** Amended a bill relating to-engrossed HB 1419 is before us.

**Sen. Armstrong:** I move a Do Pass as amended and refer to Appropriations.

**Sen. Roers:** I second.

**Chairwoman Unruh:** Any discussion? Call the roll: YES 7 NO 0 -0- absent

**Sen. Oban** will carry the bill.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1419

Page 1, line 1, replace "firearm safety" with "shooting sports grant"

Page 1, line 3, replace "**FIREARM SAFETY**" with "**SHOOTING SPORTS GRANT**"

Page 1, line 6, replace "firearm safety" with "shooting sports grant"

Page 1, line 8, replace "firearm safety" with "shooting sports grant"

Page 1, line 9, remove "elementary and secondary"

Page 1, line 9, after "schools" insert ", clubs, and organized youth groups"

Page 1, line 10, remove "purchase firearm safety materials and"

Page 1, line 10, remove "administer firearm safety"

Page 1, line 11, replace "courses in elementary and secondary schools" with "promote and facilitate shooting sports in schools, clubs, and organized youth groups in the state"

Renumber accordingly



3/16/17

Date:   
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1419

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17.0844.03001

Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended     Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions:  Reconsider     \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Sen. Obar    Seconded By Sen. Armstrong

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Jessica Unruh			Sen. Erin Obar		
Vice Chair Curt Kreun					
Sen. Kelly Armstrong					
Sen. Dwight Cook					
Sen. Jim Roers					
Sen. Don Schaible					
<i>Wrote Date</i>					

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

*Amend. Passed All year's*

Date: 3/16/17  
 Roll Call Vote #: 2

**2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO.**

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 17. 0844. 03001

Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended     Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar  
 Other Actions:  Reconsider     \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Sen. Armstrong    Seconded By Sen. Roers

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chair Jessica Unruh			Sen. Erin Oban		
Vice Chair Curt Kreun					
Sen. Kelly Armstrong					
Sen. Dwight Cook					
Sen. Jim Roers					
Sen. Don Schaible					

Total (Yes) 7    No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Oban

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1419, as reengrossed: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Unruh, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed HB 1419 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, replace "firearm safety" with "shooting sports grant"

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Reorder accordingly

**2017 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS**

**HB 1419**

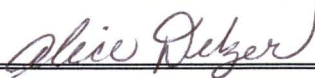
# 2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee  
Harvest Room, State Capitol

HB 1419  
3/24/2017  
JOB # 29668

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for a firearm safety program. (DO PASS)

## Minutes:

1. Testimony from Game & Fish Department

**Chairman Holmberg:** called the Committee to order on HB 1419. All committee members were present. Chris Kadrmas, Legislative Council and Stephanie Gullickson, OMB were also present.

**Senator Erin Oban, District 35:** testified in favor of HB 1419 and explained what the bill does. We amended on the floor the bill to create what some appropriations from the Game and Fish Department, a shooting sports grant program that could be implemented in schools, clubs and organized youth groups in the state. We had amended it from being a firearms safety program because that would be outside of Game & Fish's scope of what they can do with US Fish and Wildlife monies. It would be similar to a clay target league program that they run which is currently in 35 schools across the state. On behalf of the Energy and Resources Committee we would ask for a do pass. **(0.01.30)**

**Kim Kary, Chief of Administration of Game and Fish Department** testified in favor of HB 1419 as amended and provided written Testimony attached #, a letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee stating that the Game & Fish Department is supportive of this bill. As Senator Oban mentioned there had to be some changes made to the original bill. In House we learned that as it was originally written it would have been a diversion of funds. It was reworked to promote each shooting sport as a means of enhancing in knowledge, confidence and proficiency of firearms with the intent of mentioning clay target shooting or trap shooting in the school's program. This is a new program that's kind of been started in some schools. It's starting to take off as much as the National Archery in the Schools Program. The National Archery in the Schools Program is another shooting sport. That state tournament was held in Minot last week and there were 700 kids in target league and 500 kids in the 3D league. That's a lot of kids that are getting interested in the shooting sports. And this clay target league is starting to take off around the nation. The House decided to amend this bill to no go towards that concept. We added not only for schools but clubs and organized youth groups. It wouldn't have to be just schools. We are probably going to do a grant program for the schools to get them up and running. Any equipment they need, their

targets, their ammo, any other gear that they would need. We could also use it to, if a club wanted to possibly set up a trap range. That fund could be used for those types of things. We respectfully ask for a Do Pass on HB 1419 as amended. **(0.04.20)**

**Senator Mathern:** Can any of this money be used for low income families. I have a grandson who is in one of these programs and It is very expensive, by the time you buy the guns and all. I am just thinking about the kids who don't have the resources to have these guns and things and could some of this money be used to help low income families?

**Ms. Kary:** It is for the school. It is for the schools or clubs. The person has to have a gun. The money isn't used to buy guns. The federal funds won't let us buy guns.

**Senator Sorvaag:** Would your intention be, not only to start but to help enhance the program? I am from Fargo so every high school has trap shooting clubs right now. But it would help to enhance or advance their program, is that the intent?

**Ms. Kary:** Yes, any school that is participating could apply for these funds.

**Senator Hogue:** I was up at Minot and saw the archery program and I saw the Game and Fish was one of the sponsors, but I saw other sponsors. He mentioned the school districts but are there other participants, other people fund this and will fund it in addition to Game and Fish?

**Ms. Kary:** I do know the Wildlife Federation gives some money for the trap program already out of their funds. There may be others. Pheasants Forever also give funds.

**Senator Dever:** If not for this purpose would this money be used for different purpose as a surplus. Is it necessary for the Department to have the legislative authority to set this program up?

**Ms. Kary:** No, but at the time when the original bill was established it was for a firearm safety program. Back when the bill was written it was a diversion of our funds and we could not do that program. When the sponsor of the bill was discussing it, their intent was more to get kids engaged and to expand the shooting sports and get that money into that excise PR funds. Their real purpose too, in addition to the firearms safety, was to get more shooting sports out there, so it kind of morphed into this writing of the amendment of the bill to get that piece taken care of. **(9.08.13)**

**Senator Dever:** So could the Department do this without legislative authority?

**Ms. Kary:** We would have to have the funds in our appropriation to do it.

**Senator Grabinger:** Since we are not building a new building at the state fair can some of the funds be used to fix up the old one where the holes are going through the wall? It's a shooting facility for young people and training.

**Ms. Kary:** We would have to put a grant through to Denver. I believe we have used some PR funds to renovate some of those projects up on the state fair since that other building isn't

there. Sometimes with the red tape with the federal funds, it's easier to not use the federal funds to fix it up, again we would have to check to make sure that they would allow that. We haven't done that yet.

**Senator Grabinger:** I am just concerned because they talked about showing some of legislators the back side of the wall.

**Chairman Holmberg:** is there anyone else that wants to testify? If not, we will close the hearing on 1419. Does the committee have a suggestion?

**Senator Grabinger:** **Moved a Do Pass. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Oehlke.**

**Chairman Holmberg:** Would you call the roll on Do Pass on HB 1419.

**A Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: 14; Nay: 0; Absent: 0.**

**Chairman Holmberg:** This goes back to Natural Resources. **Senator Oban will carry the bill.**

The hearing was closed on HB 1419.

Date: 3-24-17

Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2017 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1419**

Senate Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

- Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended     Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar  
Other Actions:  Reconsider     \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Grabinger Seconded By Oehlke

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Holmberg	✓		Senator Mathern	✓	
Vice Chair Krebsbach	✓		Senator Grabinger	✓	
Vice Chair Bowman	✓		Senator Robinson	✓	
Senator Erbele	✓				
Senator Wanzek	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator Dever	✓				
Senator Sorvaag	✓				
Senator Oehlke	✓				
Senator Hogue	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Natural Resources Oban

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1419, as reengrossed and amended: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Reengrossed HB 1419, as amended, was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**2017 TESTIMONY**

**HB 1419**

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HB 1419  
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1419

Page 1, line 1, replace "20.1-02-04" with "20.1-02-05"

Page 1, line 2, replace "duty" with "authority"

Page 1, replace lines 5 through 9 with:

**"SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Make classroom instruction on firearm safety available to the public through qualified instructors. The director may charge a fee to members of the public who receive the instruction."

Renumber accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1419

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide an appropriation for a firearm safety program."

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GAME AND FISH FIREARM SAFETY PROGRAM.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the game and fish department for the purpose of establishing and administering a firearm safety program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The director of the game and fish department shall establish a firearm safety program which must be made available to elementary and secondary schools in the state. The funds appropriated under this section may be used to purchase firearm safety materials and provide grants to administer firearm safety courses in elementary and secondary schools."

Renumber accordingly

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2-3-17  
HB 1419



House Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
Testimony on HB 1419

North Dakota Game and Fish Department  
Greg Link, Conservation and Communications Division Chief  
February 3, 2017

Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resource Committee, I am testifying today on behalf of the Game and Fish Department in opposition of HB 1419

Since its initial statutory mandate enacted in 1972, the Game and Fish Department has administered and delivered North Dakota's Hunter Education program with the assistance of over 700 dedicated certified volunteer instructors. The Department's Hunter Education program trains and successfully certifies approximately 6,000 students annually. The program curriculum addresses not only firearms safety and handling, but also hunter ethics, wildlife and habitat conservation, landowner relations, proper preparation for the hunt, wildlife identification, and outdoor survival.

Regulated hunting is an essential wildlife management tool to keep wildlife population levels in check. It is only fitting and proper state wildlife agencies across the nation have the a lead role in teaching new hunters, not just safe use and handling of hunting firearms, but also proper behavior, responsibility, and ethics expected of hunters as they go afield with gun in hand in pursuit of wild game.

The Department whole-heartedly supports the goal of having proper firearms instruction available for any new firearms owner, regardless of the intended use. Nevertheless, we do not feel it is the Game and Fish Department's role to teach the non-hunting public firearms safety. We believe this growing demand for firearms instruction, whether it be for self-defense or home protection, can and should be fulfilled by service providers in the private sector.

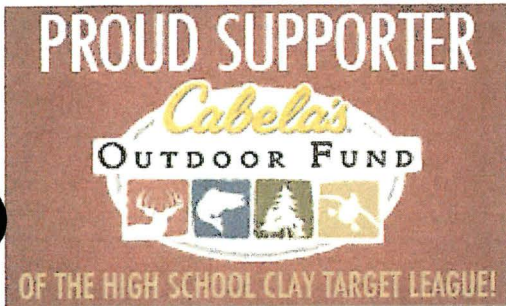
If this bill becomes law, it would place an unnecessary drain on Department resources by requiring us to not only develop, administer, and deliver an entirely separate course and curriculum, but to also compete with a service currently provided by the private sector.

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members, the Department respectfully requests a DO NOT PASS on HB 1419.



*Fr: Rep Mack*

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## Mission

The USA High School Clay Target League® is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and operates State High School Clay Target Leagues as the independent provider of shooting sports as an extracurricular co-ed and adaptive activity to high schools for students in grades six through twelve who have earned League-approved firearm safety certification.

### We believe that...

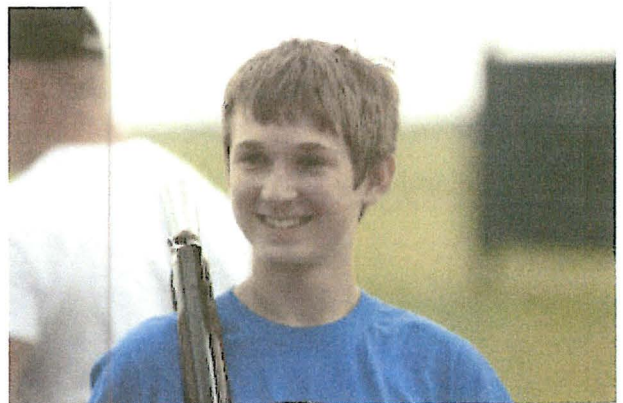
Safe and responsible handling and storage of firearms and ammunition is the first priority.

Everyone should have fun.

Participation is a privilege and not a right.

Sportsmanship needs to have a constant presence.

Students should have an equal opportunity to participate.



Ethical behavior, dignity and respect are expected.

Participants will be chemically free.

Collaborative relationships with schools and students create a positive experience.

Academic priorities must come before participation.

Adults must serve as a positive role model to students.

The success of the team is more important than individual honors.

Gun clubs are critical to the success of the League and are positive business leaders in their community.

Compliance with school, community, gun club and League rules are essential for all participants.

Shooting sports strengthens connections within families and communities for life.

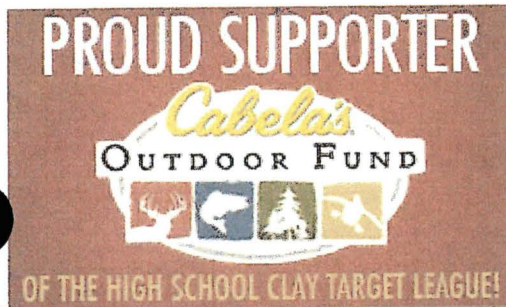
Everything the League does will always be in the best interest of the students.



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## History

### Identifying A Problem

In the year 2000, a problem became apparent. The number of shooting ranges in Minnesota had dropped by more than 10% in the past ten years, and many others were worried about closing their doors. Shooting ranges had seen a large decrease in the number of members, the number of leagues, and the number of rounds that were shot.

The Minnesota DNR conducted an informal independent survey of gun clubs throughout Minnesota in 2001. It was determined that the average age of gun club members was almost 57 years old. It was apparent that unless something was done to attract younger shooters, the future of shooting sports would be in jeopardy.





The solution to this problem seemed simple enough, attract young people to the shooting sports. But how? Several organizations started youth programs many years ago, but they were primarily short-term programs that attracted shooters to a couple events in the summer – it wasn't a strong enough inducement to make young people want to take up shooting sports.

If these organizations weren't successful, what approach might be successful?

Jim Sable was named Youth Program Director at the Plymouth Gun Club in Plymouth, Minnesota and given the responsibility of attracting young people to the club and to the shooting sports. When the president of the Plymouth Gun Club asked Jim where he was going to start, Jim responded, "In the schools – that's where the kids are."

## Going Where The Kids Are

The first year, Jim entered the mentoring program at Orono schools, bringing six students to the club every week to shoot trap and skeet. The students had a lot of fun, and Jim did too. The next year he had a few more, and then a few more wanted to join up.

Word spread quickly by students, and other schools wanted to learn how they might become a part of this competition. In 2008, the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League (MNSHSCTL) was started with three teams and 30 student athletes.

With an official organization to manage the operations of the League, it quickly grew. In fact, the League doubled the number of teams and student athletes for five consecutive years. By 2014, the [MNSHSCTL Championship](#) was the *largest shooting event in the world*.

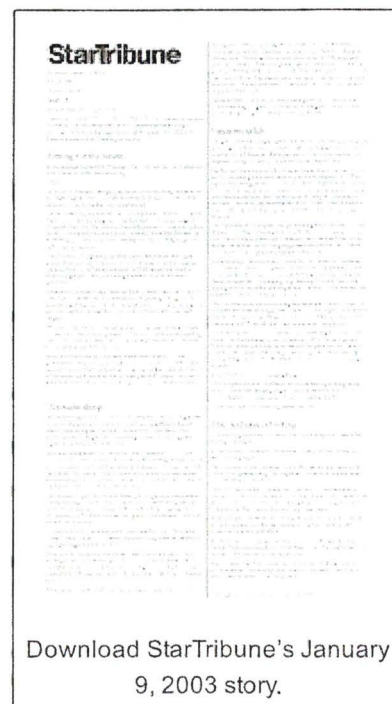
Schools from other states quickly took notice.

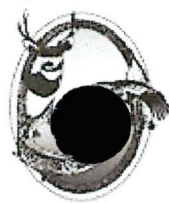
## Expanding The Dream

With the Minnesota's High School Clay Target League's popularity, neighboring states inquired about joining the League. As a result, the USA High School Clay Target League was incorporated in 2012 as a non-profit organization geared towards duplicating Minnesota's incredible youth shooting sport success in other states.

Since then, the League has continued to experience an amazing level of support and growth, making it the fastest-growing high school extracurricular activity in the nation.

- **2015-2016: 15,745 Participants in 445 Teams - 12 states**
- **2014-2015: 11,077 Participants in 317 Teams - 3 states**
- **2013-2014: 7,046 Participants in 191 Teams - 2 states**
- **2012-2013: 3,637 Participants in 114 Teams**
- **2011-2012: 1,715 Participants in 57 Teams**
- **2010-2011: 707 Participants in 29 Teams**
- **2009-2010: 340 Participants in 13 Teams**
- **2008-2009: 60 Participants in 6 Teams**
- **2007-2008: 30 Participants in 3 Teams**



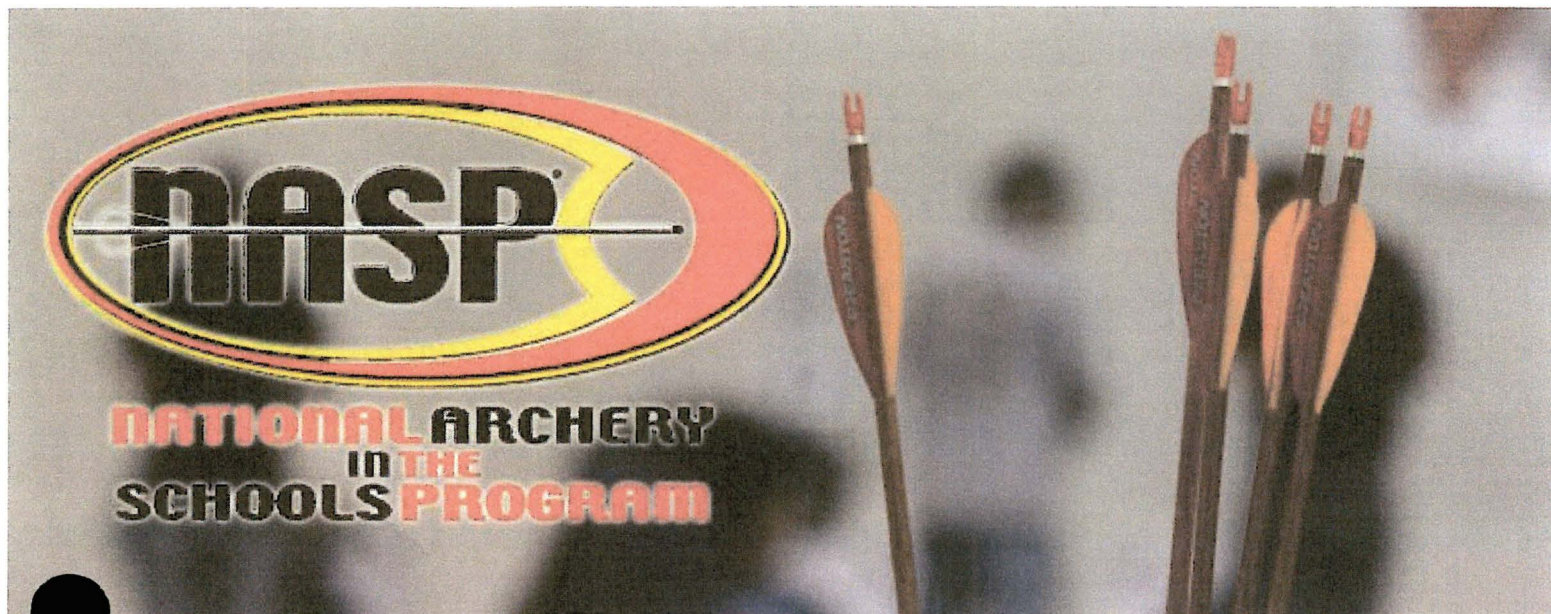


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## NASP Grant

*(A North Dakota Game and Fish Department grant program)*

The National Archery in the Schools Program is designed to promote international archery style target shooting during physical education classes in grades 4-12. The Game and Fish Department believes that exposing thousands of kids to a shooting sport such as target archery will add to recruitment of the next generation of hunters. The Game and Fish Department is responsible for training and certifying NASP basic archery instructors and overseeing the program in North Dakota. It is the Department's goal to deliver this program to as many schools as possible, and as such we have created a grant program to assist schools with getting started.

## Grant Application

[Grant Application Form](#) (pdf 649)

## Application Process

An important step in getting your school started is getting the physical education teachers and principal on board. One of the documents needed, whether you are applying for a grant or not, is a letter of support signed by the school's principal. This letter should state that he or she is aware of and supports the

program, that it will be offered to students as part of their regular physical education curriculum during school hours.

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## Funding

The next step is to determine funding sources. The standard start up archery kit includes 12 Genesis bows, five targets, five dozen arrows, an arrow curtain, a bow rack, and a repair kit. The exact cost varies depending on manufacture and shipping costs at the time of purchase, but is approximately \$3000. This grant works on a reimbursement basis, so your school will need to have funding in place for the full amount prior to equipment purchase.

**The Game and Fish Department grant** provides up to 50 percent of the equipment start-up costs. The school must come up with at least 50 percent matching funds. Other state, federal and nongovernmental organization grant funds may be used for match. Included is a list of potential matching grant sources.

**Other Grant Sources:** Many schools have obtained grants from state, local, and national conservation and shooting sports organizations to help purchase the startup kit. We recommend that you start locally and work your way to national organizations. The bigger the scale (national) the more time and effort it takes to secure funding.

### Suggested Grant Sources:

- Boys and Girls clubs, Moose Lodge, Elks
- State and national sporting goods retailers, local archery shops, etc.
- [Redacted]
- Local chapters of National Wild Turkey Federation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Mule Deer Foundation
- National chapters of the above and Whitetails Unlimited

For additional fundraising ideas, go to the NASP website at: [nasparchery.com](http://nasparchery.com) click on *Instructor Resources* and look for *Fundraising Ideas*.

## What's the Next Step?

Send your application/grant application and letter of support from your principal to the Game and Fish Department.

## Contract

Once your school is approved for a Game and Fish grant, you will receive a contract. This contract must be signed by the principal and returned to the Department. Once funding is in place and/or your grant has been approved, the state NASP coordinator will work with you to order equipment and schedule training.

## Training

The NASP Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) workshop is a one-day (eight hour) course. There is no charge for the training; however, the school is responsible for any travel charges. If training is taking place at your school, it is important to communicate with the person in charge of building scheduling and the custodian.

The archery range is set up the day before training by the instructor trainer. It takes an hour or two depending on the site, and is usually done in the evening to avoid conflicts with other programming. The facility needs to be locked and remain vacant (other than school staff ) once the range is set up.

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## Equipment Order

The state coordinator will place the equipment order and set a shipping date sometime after your training is complete. Once the equipment is received and paid for, you can request reimbursement from the Department. The two items below will be needed before an order is placed.

**Purchase Order #:** Your school will need a PO for the equipment order to be placed. This can be any number (it's required by the manufacturer for shipment), but many schools want to tie this number into an accounting system. No form is necessary, just the number.

**Excise Tax Exemption Form:** Firearms, ammunition and archery equipment have a special tax placed on them at the manufacturer's level. Government agencies and educational institutions are exempt from this tax, but must fill out a form. This form is mailed to your school just prior to ordering equipment. Give this form to your school administrator to complete, and fax or return to the address on the form.

## Reimbursement

Once school personnel are trained and the entire kit is received (multiple shipments), you may request reimbursement from the Game and Fish Department. Send a letter requesting reimbursement, along with receipts or other documentation showing the equipment has been paid for.

## Ongoing Costs

Ongoing costs for the NASP program are listed as \$200-\$500 on average per year. This is mostly for target face and arrow replacement, and is probably on the high side. During training you will learn how to repair arrows and make basic bow repairs. Recognizing that statistics show that nationally 27 percent of NASP participants purchase their own equipment, many archery pro shops are willing to supply arrow repair parts or repair arrows and bows free of charge. In 2007, the North Dakota Bowhunters Association approved funding specifically for equipment maintenance and replacement for schools involved in the NASP. Any of the organizations listed as potential funding for the startup kit would be good places to seek funding for equipment maintenance or replacement needs.

## Odds and Ends

Painters tape and floor quivers are not included in an archery kit. Game and Fish will provide these for the training workshop, but the school will need acquire them prior to the first student class.

- Painters Tape - \$10
- Floor Quivers - \$20-\$100

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For more information on the program or for additional fundraising options, contact Jeff Long, state NASP coordinator at 701-328-6322.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1419

- Page 1, line 1, replace "firearm safety" with "shooting sports grant"
  - Page 1, line 3, replace "**FIREARM SAFETY**" with "**SHOOTING SPORTS GRANT**"
  - Page 1, line 6, replace "firearm safety" with "shooting sports grant"
  - Page 1, line 8, replace "firearm safety" with "shooting sports grant"
  - Page 1, line 9, remove "elementary and secondary"
  - Page 1, line 9, after "schools" insert ", clubs, and organized youth groups"
  - Page 1, line 10, remove "purchase firearm safety materials and"
  - Page 1, line 10, remove "administer firearm safety"
  - Page 1, line 11, replace "courses in elementary and secondary schools" with "promote and facilitate shooting sports in schools, clubs, and organized youth groups in the state"
- Renumber accordingly



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Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
Testimony on HB 1419

North Dakota Game and Fish Department  
Kim Kary, Administrative Services Division Chief  
March 10, 2017

Madam Chair Unruh and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee, I am testifying today on behalf of the Game and Fish Department on HB 1419.

HB 1419, as currently written, directs the Department to “establish a firearms safety program”. We have concerns about its specific and sole focus on “firearms safety”. Our points of concern are as follows:

- Although we whole-heartedly support “firearms safety” in any form, its instruction, without a linkage to hunting or shooting sports, is outside the scope of the Game and Fish Department and, therefore, it would be considered a diversion of funds. The curriculum of the Hunter Education program, which we currently administer, addresses not only firearms safety and handling, but also hunter ethics, wildlife and habitat conservation, landowner relations, proper preparation for the hunt, wildlife identification, and outdoor survival, as these are all important components of what we believe makes a responsible hunter.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined a stand-alone firearms safety program, as described in this bill, would not be eligible for federal funding. In addition, such a deviation from our agency’s responsibility to develop hunters through Hunter Education, mentored hunts, and shooting sports, either in the use of manpower or state and federal funding resources for a stand-alone firearms safety program, would result in a diversion of funds and jeopardize our federal funding (USFWS Pittman-Robertson federal aid) which accounts for a significant portion of our income. (*SEE ATTACHED: Diversion Letters from USFWS*)

While in the House, upon learning that the bill as written would result in a diversion of funds, we discussed the intent with the primary sponsor. We understand the Department’s promotion of youth shooting sports, as a means of enhancing their knowledge, confidence, and proficiency of firearms, was the intent expressed by the bill sponsors in the House. They mentioned the clay target shooting or trap shooting in the schools program. There are currently 35 schools in North Dakota participating in the clay target league. This bill would allow expansion and increased training for this new and growing shooting sport.

In an effort to accomplish these goals and objectives, yet eliminate any potential diversion of funds and resulting loss of federal funding, we provided suggested amendments to Representative Mock.

Madam Chair and Committee Members, for the reasons I have outlined, the Department respectfully requests a **DO PASS of the amendment** provided; without the amendment, the Department cannot support HB 1419, as currently written.

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Dear Mr. Steinwand:

This responds to your letter dated February 10, 2017, requesting our view of "Engrossed House Bill No. 1419" (bill) to "provide an appropriation for a firearm safety program." More specifically, the bill states, "the Director of the Game and Fish department shall establish a firearm safety program, which must be made available to elementary and secondary schools in the State...."

We have reviewed the proposed bill. Parts of 50 CFR 80, the Federal regulation that governs the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act grant program (PR), that would affect the proposed legislation are provided below.

**Subpart E – Eligible Activities - 50 CFR 80.50**

**(b) Wildlife Restoration—Basic Hunter Education and Safety subprogram.**

- (1) Teach the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to be a responsible hunter.
- (2) Construct, operate, or maintain firearm and archery ranges for public use.

**(c) Enhanced Hunter Education and Safety program.**

- (1) Enhance programs for hunter education, hunter development, and firearm and archery safety. Hunter-development programs introduce individuals to and recruit them to take part in hunting, bow hunting, target shooting, or archery.
- (2) Enhance interstate coordination of hunter-education and firearm- and archery-range programs.
- (3) Enhance programs for education, safety, or development of bow hunters, archers, and shooters.

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The draft bill proposes a firearm safety program, but does not identify a hunter education component to teach individuals to be skilled, knowledgeable or safe hunters. In addition, the draft bill does not identify a recruitment or retention component for hunters or target shooters. Furthermore, the purpose of 50 CFR Part 80 (c)(3) is to enhance the State hunter education program. Given this assessment, the firearm safety program as described in the bill would not be eligible for Wildlife Restoration Act funds.

Your letter also asks if "it would be allowable for the bill to direct license fees to be spent on the firearm safety program." 50 CFR 80.10 (c) requires that "revenue from hunting and fishing licenses be: (1) Controlled only by the State Fish and Wildlife agency; and (2) Used only for the administration of the State Fish and Wildlife agency, which includes only the functions required to manage the agency and the fish- and wildlife-related resources for which the agency has authority under State law."

Directing license fees to be spent for a certain activity would represent a loss of control and could result in a diversion of funds per 50 CFR 80.21 which states, "the Director may declare a State to be in diversion if it violates the requirements of §80.10 by diverting license revenue from the control of its fish and wildlife agency to purposes other than the agency's administration. .... Only the Director may declare a State to be in diversion and only the Director may rescind the declaration."

To summarize, it appears that the proposed legislation, if passed, would result in a diversion of license fee funds rendering the North Dakota Game & Fish Department (NDGF) ineligible for further participation in the benefits of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act Program until resolution of the diversion issue. As you know, NDGF received over \$10 million from the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act Program in 2016.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed bill. Please keep us informed as to its progress and any changes that may be proposed. If you have any questions, comments or further concerns, please contact Otto Jose or me at (303) 236-8156 or (303) 236-4411, respectively.

Sincerely,



Stephen H. Jose, Chief  
Wildlife and Sport  
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cc: Kim Kary, Chief, Administrative Services, NDGF  
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February 23, 2017

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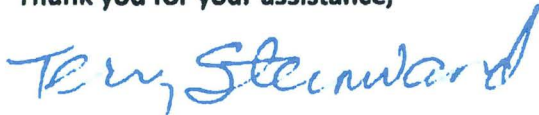
Dear Steve:

Thank you for your letter dated 2/14/17 informing us that the proposed language for HB1419 would result in a diversion of funds. The bill has been amended to change the words "shall" and "must" to "may". This change was needed, but it did not fully take care of the entire diversion of funds issue. Point being, the bill still refers to a firearm safety program.

In order to make the bill eligible for the department to use Pittman-Robertson funds, we plan to propose to the legislature the attached amended language changes.

Please review the attached proposed bill language changes and let us know if it addresses the diversion of funds issue and would allow the department to use PR and state license funds. Of course, we would still need to apply for a grant from Denver with the grant details.

Thank you for your assistance,



Terry Steinwand  
Director

cc: Kim Kary, Chief Administrative Services Division

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Dear Mr. Steinwand:

This responds to your letter, dated February 23, 2017, requesting our review of the revised language for proposed House Bill No. 1419 (see enclosure). Please reference our previous response dated February 14, 2017.

The revision to the proposed legislation language would give the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGF) the option to establish (or not establish) a shooting sports program and to fund (or not fund) the program. These proposed changes in language assure that NDGF retains control of its hunting and fishing license revenue and will use it only for the administration of the agency as required by 50 CFR 80.10. Given this, it appears that enactment of the revised legislation would not result in a diversion of hunting and fishing license revenue as described in 50 CFR 80.11.

If the Department chooses to fund the proposed shooting sports program with Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act grant funds, the program would need to be eligible per the following regulation:

### Subpart E – Eligible Activities - 50 CFR 80.50

#### (b) Wildlife Restoration—Basic Hunter Education and Safety subprogram.

- (1) Teach the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to be a responsible hunter.
- (2) Construct, operate, or maintain firearm and archery ranges for public use.

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(c) Enhanced Hunter Education and Safety program.

- (1) Enhance programs for hunter education, hunter development, and firearm and archery safety. Hunter-development programs introduce individuals to and recruit them to take part in hunting, bow hunting, target shooting, or archery.
- (2) Enhance interstate coordination of hunter-education and firearm- and archery-range programs.
- (3) Enhance programs for education, safety, or development of bow hunters, archers, and shooters.

We would request that our offices coordinate and work together prior to submitting a grant application so that we can both be certain that potentially grant funded activities fall within this regulation.

Thank you again for this opportunity to be of service. If you have any questions, comments or further concerns, please feel free to contact Otto Jose or me at (303) 236-8156 or (303) 236-4411, respectively.

Sincerely,



Stephen H. Jose  
Chief, Wildlife and Sport Fish  
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Enclosure

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**SECOND ENGROSSMENT**

Sixty-fifth  
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of North Dakota

**REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1419**

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Introduced by

Representatives Mock, D. Anderson, Headland, Johnston

Senators Oban, Unruh

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for a ~~firearms safety~~ shooting sports grant program.

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

3 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GAME AND FISH ~~FIREARMS SAFETY~~ SHOOTING**

4 **SPORTS GRANT PROGRAM.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the game and fish fund  
5 in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as  
6 may be necessary, to the game and fish department for the purpose of establishing and  
7 administering a ~~firearms safety~~ shooting sports grant program, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
8 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The director of the game and fish department may establish  
9 a ~~firearms safety~~ shooting sports grant program, which may be made available to elementary and  
10 ~~secondary schools~~ schools, clubs, and organized youth groups in the state. The funds  
11 appropriated under this section may be used to ~~purchase firearms safety materials and provide~~  
12 ~~grants to administer firearms safety courses~~ promote and facilitate shooting sports in elementary  
13 ~~and secondary schools~~ schools, clubs, and organized youth groups in the state.



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Senate Appropriations Committee  
Testimony on HB 1419

North Dakota Game and Fish Department  
Kim Kary, Administrative Services Division Chief  
March 24, 2017

Chairman Holmberg and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, my name is Kim Kary, Chief of Administrative Services Division of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and I am testifying in support of HB 1419 as amended.

HB 1419, as originally written, directed the Department to "establish a firearms safety program". We had concerns about its specific and sole focus on "firearms safety" as this would have resulted in a diversion of funds.

While in the House, upon learning that the bill as written would result in a diversion of funds, we discussed the intent with the primary sponsor. We understand the Department's promotion of youth shooting sports, as a means of enhancing their knowledge, confidence, and proficiency of firearms, was the intent expressed by the bill sponsors in the House. They mentioned the clay target shooting or trap shooting in the schools program. There are currently 35 schools in North Dakota participating in the clay target league. This bill would allow expansion and increased training for this new and growing shooting sport. This bill, as amended, provides an appropriation for grants that may be made available to schools, clubs, and organized youth groups to promote and facilitate shooting sports.

Chairman Holmberg and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Department respectfully requests a **DO PASS** of HB 1419 as amended.