

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**01/29/2019**

Amendment to: HB 1358

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 Biennium
<b>Counties</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Cities</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>School Districts</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Townships</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0

- 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).*

This bill adds rodeo calcuttas to the list of allowable charitable games.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The amendment lowering the calcutta prize restriction from \$25,000 to \$12,000 (current law) has eliminated the fiscal impact of this bill.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

This bill will have no impact on gaming tax revenues.

- 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.*

N/A

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

N/A

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**Date Prepared:** 01/30/2019

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**01/09/2019**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1358

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	2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 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).*

This bill adds rodeo cacluttas to the list of allowable charitable.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Organizations that qualify and conduct calcuttas would no longer have to apply for a state gaming license. These organizations can obtain a local permit and will no longer pay state gaming taxes. The gross proceeds from the current licensed organizations is \$600,000 per biennium resulting in \$6,000 per biennium in gaming taxes.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

This bill will have a negligible impact on gaming tax revenues.

- 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.*

N/A

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

N/A

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**2019 HOUSE JUDICIARY**

**HB 1358**

# 2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1358  
1/28/2019  
31566

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: DeLores D. Shimek by Caitlin Fleck

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

Relating to rodeo calcuttas.

## Minutes:

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**Chairman Koppelman:** Opened the hearing on HB 1358.

## Rep. Trottier: (Attachment #1)

**Rep. Vetter:** This rodeo calcuttas, they ride bulls kind of like the usual thing, is that what we are talking about?

**Rep. Trottier:** This is primarily for bulls, but it could be for the other events too. They have been doing it for a number of years, so we would like to make it legal.

**Rep. Paur:** I thought calcuttas were legal?

**Rep. Trottier:** There are a lot of things that are legal, but calcuttas are not legal and they would like to make it part of that category.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** Is it happening now for charitable organizations? How do they do that now? If a charity is getting money, then that is a different thing?

**Representative Trottier:** Yes, it would be a lot like gambling in poker games. They are undetectable, but they still do happen. Now it would be a different story if that charity was then gaining money from such illegal calcuttas gambling.

**Rep. Paur:** Calcuttas are legal, but maybe this bill includes a rodeo animal on what you can place the bets on?

**Rep. Trottier:** That is part of it. The main thing is the rodeo people thought they needed something spelled out so that they are not illegal.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** Are the legal calcuttas in a different section of law?

**Rep. Paur:** Line 22, page 2 in the bill they are present.

**Rep. Trottier:** I believe that is relating to the other part of the bill that has been added.

**Rep. Satrom:** Do they ever consider any other percentage other than 10% for the charity?

**Rep. Trottier:** They usually set the amount, and there is some charity given but nothing is set. There is nothing that is saying that they can't do 50/50, but it is saying here that up to 90% can be paid back.

**Rep. McWilliams:** How many times does this go on in the state?

**Rep. Trottier:** I would guess that it would be happening at every rodeo, and that would be about 25-30 rodeos each year.

Neutral Testimony:

**Deb McDaniel, Director of the Charitable Gaming Division for the Office of Attorney General:** Calcuttas are legal now for licensed charitable organizations. This bill would allow calcuttas under a local permit. Right now, those are not allowed. You cannot bet on the animal; only the competitor that is 18 years or older. This would allow wagers on animals, which were never allowed before.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** That explains the different sections of code that are being amended. Betting on the animal would then be legal in both the licensed and unlicensed charitable organizations, and it is not currently legal?

**Ms. McDaniel:** That is correct. You cannot have a local Calcutta at all, and this would allow for a permit Calcutta and to wager on an animal, whether you have a state license or a local permit.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** Local permit is like a school band wanting to raise money for uniforms, or something like that.

**Ms. McDaniel:** Yes, that is correct. The issue here is that the reason a person can get a local permit is that the top prize cannot exceed \$6,000, and total of all overall prizes cannot exceed \$12,000 in a fiscal year. SO if the amounts would be over that, you would need to be registered and have a state game license.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** So if it were amended it to \$5000, it would contort with other statutes and things.

**Ms. McDaniel:** I think the Representative said that \$15,000 seemed reasonable.

**Rep. Rick Becker:** For a local permit, someone in Minot could have a local permit to wager on a rodeo conducted in Bismarck?

**Ms. McDaniel:** No for a local permit, you have to apply at the local city or county that the rodeo is being conducted in. The city or county is where the activity is being regulated at.

**Rep. Rick Becker:** The Calcutta needs to be run by the organization that is conducting the rodeo? It is stated that way in law?

**Ms. McDaniel:** Yes. Right now permits aren't allowed, so it would if this bill shall pass. Right now under a licensed organization, you can conduct a calcutta, but you still need to get permission from the city or county in which the activity will be conducted.

**Rep. Rick Becker:** To be licensed you need to be a charity organization?

Chairman Koppelman: Can you explain what a calcutta really is?

**Ms. McDaniel:** Yes. A Calcutta can be on anything. You are betting on the competitor, so it is kind of like an auction. There may be 6 horses and you will all be auctioning on who you want. So if I'm the rider you'd auction and say what you want to bet. The highest bidder gets that rider then.

No further testimony. Hearing closed.

**Chairman Koppelman:** opened hearing for action.

**Rep. McWilliams:** By lowering the dollar amount, we restrict the local counties from increasing there's if they wanted to. Doesn't it restrict the permits too for a certain level?

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** I don't think the local municipalities aren't asking for this high of a limit and it wouldn't contort to other statutes.

**Representative Jones:** I'd like to present an amendment for page 2 line 30 and page 3 line 1 from 25,000 to 12,000.

**Representative McWilliams:** Seconded.

**Vice Chairman Karls:** The type prize can't exceed \$6,000; I didn't catch which category that was?

**Chairman Koppelman:** Page 2, line 30 refers to the total prizes per year, and does page 3 line 2 refer to per event?

**Ms. McDaniel:** Yes.

**Rep. Hanson:** Page 1 outlines that, lines 16. These max prize limits don't refer to the 50/50 raffles or things like that.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** So back to page 3, does that refer to per event?

**Ms. McDaniel:** That was my understanding.



**Rep. Jones:** Jus to clarify, we are changing for the \$25,000 for the competitors that are people to \$12,000 and the \$25,000 for the competitors that are animals to \$12,000 also. What is a sports pool?

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** On page 2 line 30, it would both be per year?

**Rep. Jones:** Correct.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** Motion is to amend those 2 figures from 25,000 to 12,000.

**Voice Vote: motion carries. Bill is amended.**

**Representative Paur:** Do pass as amended.

**Representative Magrum:** Seconded.

**Chairman Koppelman:** Some really think gambling is a good thing, especially charitable, others have restricted the expansion of gambling. So the question for the latter group, is this an expansion or not. It probably is, but this would allow a local entity to do a raffle and raise money that way.

**Representative Jones:** What is a sports pool, compared to a calcutta?

**Chairman Koppelman:** I don't think there is a bidding process in the sports pools.

**Representative Satrom:** Is this limiting only to rodeo type things, or could it go beyond?

**Chairman Koppelman;** The bill specifically states a rodeo type event.

**Rep. McWilliams:** Could you bid on an animal or rodeo remotely or does it have to be at that location?

**Ms. McDaniel:** You cannot bet online for anything at this time.

**Roll Call Vote: 12 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent.**

Motion Carries.

Floor assignment: **Representative Vetter**

Meeting Closed.

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Adopted by the Judiciary Committee

January 28, 2019

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1358

Page 2, line 30, replace "twenty-five" with "twelve"

Page 3, line 2, replace "twenty-five" with "twelve"

Renumber accordingly

**2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES  
 HB 1358**

House Judiciary Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: pg. 2, line 30 : \$ 12,000 pg. 3, line 2 : \$12,000

- 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 Rep. Jones Seconded By Rep. McWilliams

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Koppelman			Rep. Buffalo		
Vice Chairman Karls			Rep. Karla Rose Hanson		
Rep. Becker					
Rep. Terry Jones					
Rep. Magrum					
Rep. McWilliams					
Rep. B. Paulson					
Rep. Paur					
Rep. Roers Jones					
Rep. Satrom					
Rep. Simons					
Rep. Vetter					

*Voiced Vote*

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent \_\_\_\_\_  
 Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Motion Carries.*

**2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES  
 HB 1358**

House Judiciary Committee

Subcommittee

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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 Rep. Paur Seconded By Rep. Magrum

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Koppelman	X		Rep. Buffalo	X	
Vice Chairman Karls		X	Rep. Karla Rose Hanson	X	
Rep. Becker	X				
Rep. Terry Jones	X				
Rep. Magrum	X				
Rep. McWilliams	X				
Rep. B. Paulson	X				
Rep. Paur	X				
Rep. Roers Jones	X				
Rep. Satrom	X				
Rep. Simons	<hr/>				
Rep. Vetter	X				

Total (Yes) 12 No 1

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Vetter

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1358: Judiciary Committee (Rep. K. Koppelman, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1358 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 2, line 30, replace "twenty-five" with "twelve"

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Renumber accordingly

**2019 SENATE JUDICIARY**

**HB 1358**

# 2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1358  
3/12/2019  
#33556 (24:02)

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Meghan Pegel

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

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-03 and section 53-06.1-07.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to rodeo calcuttas.

## Minutes:

1 Attachment

**Chair Larson** opens the hearing on HB 1358. Senator Osland and Senator Myrdal were absent.

## Wayne Trottier, District 19 Representative, testifies in favor (see attachment #1)

**Senator Luick:** How does the betting work? It's a jockeyed type of arrangement to get the bids and keep track of everything?

**Representative Trottier:** Yes, it's just like going to an auction sale. The auctioneer will start out and ask for a \$100 and go up or not from there. They do the bulls also. Most of the time, they sell the bulls in one package for whoever gets the high bid. Sometimes they will sell individual bulls if they're well known like Yellow Jacket for instance. He was named national bull of the year several times.

**Vice Chairman Dwyer:** Do they do this auction at the beginning of the rodeo for all the events or do they have one for each event?

**Representative Trottier:** It's only been bulls and bull riders, and they do it before the rodeo starts. Some are really involved and get excited.

**Vice Chairman Dwyer:** You say that you're wanting to make what they're doing now legal. Are they worried about getting on the wrong side of the law if we don't pass something like this?

**Representative Trottier:** They'll continue on with this if it doesn't pass, and we probably wouldn't know where they're hiding the auction. They felt they were doing something illegal, but there's never been a problem that I've heard of where someone claimed they should

have been getting a bigger prize or anything like that. I honestly feel that if we don't pass this, it won't change anything for the rodeos. In the bill they can do it through a permit through their county or city, and it's a \$25 fee. They will have to keep records and accounting.

**Chair Larson:** Say we're all bidding on Yellow Jacket. I bid \$10, Senator Dwyer bids \$100 and Senator Bakke puts in \$1,000. If that bull wins, she gets the prize money, and we don't.

**Representative Trottier:** Exactly.

**Chair Larson:** The most that could be bet then, even by one person, is the \$12,000.

**Representative Trottier:** It would be the combined total bids on the rider or the bull

**Chair Larson:** On each individual animal, not the total for the whole rodeo.

**Representative Trottier:** On the total rodeo. The rodeo people I've talked to say they've never gone over \$12,000 on all of the bids.

**(11:05) Deb McDaniels, Director of the Charitable Gaming Division for the Attorney General's office, neutral party**

**McDaniels:** Rodeo Calcuttas or any Calcutta can only be conducted by a licensed organization right now. They are being conducted, however there's a stipulation in this bill that allows for betting on the animal also. Previously you weren't allowed to bet on an animal. If you're at a rodeo and there's a bull riding, there are five riders. An auctioneer is up there, and they're bidding on each rider. The highest bidder gets placed on that rider.

**Chair Larson:** Do the lower bidders still have to pay?

**McDaniels:** No, only whoever wins that rider. There are five riders and five bidders, and they can bid as much as they want to. The limit is on the prize amount given. In calcuttas in statute right now, you can give away prizes up to 90% so that the charity gets to keep at least 10% to give away. 90% can go to prizes and 10% goes to the charity. They can change that, but they can't keep more than 90%. Right now you can do a calcutta on people if you're a licensed organization. This bill allows it for permit holders, those who have to stay under those prize limits of \$12,000 per year.

**Senator Luick:** back to bidding- Senator Bakke puts in \$5, Senator Dwyer puts in \$10, Senator Larson puts in \$50. What advantage does Senator Larson have because she bid more than the other Senators? Proportionately how does she come out ahead by bidding more if she were to win?

**McDaniels:** You have five riders. Everybody knows that rider one is the best rider; that rider wins every time. The reason you want to keep bidding higher and higher is because you know you're going to win. Her \$50 is put in the pool, not yours because you lost; she outbid you.

**Chair Larson:** Who keeps that \$50 if that rider doesn't win?



**McDaniels:** The charity keeps it for the prize. With the five bids, there's \$250. Out of that \$250, you can give out 90% of that in prizes. 10% you'd give to charity.

**Chair Larson:** If the rider that I picked didn't win, I wouldn't get anything. My bidding goes towards the winning on the other rider?

**McDaniels:** Yes. You lost and say Senator Luick's rider won. He would get the prize money. Usually rider one gets most of the prize, but second and third place get a portion as well.

**Senator Luick:** However, everybody that bids lose that bid dollar amount.

**McDaniels:** Yes, because it goes towards the prizes.

**Senator Bakke:** If you only have five bull riders, you really only have five bets.

**McDaniels:** Correct.

**Senator Bakke:** If he bids \$10 and she overbids him, he doesn't have to give his \$10. If there were five horses and the lowest bid was \$5 for every one, there'd only be a prize of \$25, and they'd only get 90% of that.

**McDaniels:** Correct.

**Vice Chairman Dwyer:** You said that local permit holders can only do raffle, bingos or sports pools. It also goes on to say "or a charity local permit to conduct only raffles, bingos, sports pools, paddlewheels, 21 and poker". Explain the difference.

**McDaniels:** I'm changing that in SB 2162. There's a local permit where you just have bingo, raffle and sports pools. You can do as many as you want in a year, however the prizes can't exceed the \$12,000 per year for all the activity that you do. There's a charity local permit which I'm going to change to say "restricted event permit". A restricted event or charity local permit is a one-time in a year activity. It's kind of like having a Vegas night.

**Vice Chairman Dwyer:** For those events, is it the same percentage?

**McDaniels:** No, only calcuttas have that 90/10 split because we want to guarantee that the charity gets some money. Sports pools are the same, but bingos and raffles you can give away whatever you decide to structure the game at.

**Vice Chairman Dwyer:** With calcuttas wouldn't it make more sense if 50% went to charity and 50% went to prizes?

**McDaniels:** An organization has that choice. We're just saying that you can't give away more than 90. They can structure it to 50% or 10% or whatever they want to do, just not over 90%

**Vice Chairman Dwyer:** Since the limit is \$12,000 in this bill, and if they got to that limit, \$1,200 would go to charity and \$10,800 would go to prizes?

**McDaniels:** They can give \$12,000 as a maximum prize. If they got \$20,000 in bids, then the \$12,000 would go out to prizes and the rest has to go to charity. We have SB 2162 out there in appropriations. In the bill, it's raising that prize permit level to say a single prize can't exceed \$8,000 and total prizes can't exceed \$40,000 in a year. In this bill currently, it limits everybody to the \$12,000 prize limit. Representative Trottier might consider doing an amendment to take that out, so they would be able to go with all the other local permits if that prize limit gets increased.

**Chair Larson:** There's a percentage for prizes and a percentage for charities. Is there any part of that that's allowed for any kind of expenses?

**McDaniels:** No, that's what the 10% is for. Part go to expenses and the rest go to charity.

**Chair Larson:** Like if they hire an auctioneer?

**McDaniels:** Under the local permit, yes. Under state gaming license, no. They still have that 60% after everything is done.

**Chair Larson closes the hearing on HB 1358.**

# 2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1358  
3/12/2019  
#33572 (04:10)

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Meghan Pegel

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

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-03 and section 53-06.1-07.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to rodeo calcuttas.

## Minutes:

No Attachments

**Chair Larson** begins discussion on HB 1358. Senator Osland and Senator Myrdal were absent.

**Chair Larson:** They can give out a maximum of 90% for prizes.

**Senator Bakke:** and a prize limit at \$12,000.

**Chair Larson:** for a year

**Senator Luick:** My concern is when we start betting on animals, they can be manipulated if they aren't in a controlled environment. To drug an animal is not that difficult to do. You can sway an outcome of a bet very simply. There's concern with that.

**Senator Bakke:** I didn't see a penalty in here for that sort of thing.

**Chair Larson:** It's just under the regulation of the Attorney General's office.

**Senator Luick: Motions for a Do Not Pass.**

**Chair Larson: Seconds.**

**Senator Bakke:** This is just saying that besides voting on the individual and their skill with riding the bull or horse, you bet on the animal?

**Chair Larson:** Correct.

**Senator Bakke:** But this doesn't eliminate what they're currently doing. This would just add to what they're doing.

**A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent.**

**Chair Larson will carry the bill.**

**2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1358**

Senate Judiciary 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 Senator Luick Seconded By Chair Larson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chair Larson	X		Senator Bakke	X	
Vice Chair Dwyer	X				
Senator Luick	X				
Senator Myrdal	AB				
Senator Osland	AB				

Total (Yes) 4 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Chair Larson

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1358, as engrossed: Judiciary Committee (Sen. D. Larson, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).**  
Engrossed HB 1358 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**2019 TESTIMONY**

**HB 1358**

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**Trottier, Wayne A.**

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**From:** Trottier, Wayne A.  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2019 8:07 AM  
**To:** Trottier, Wayne A.  
**Subject:** HOUse Bill 1358

HOUse Bill 1358

Thank you chairman Koppelman and committee members

For the record, I am Wayne Trottier, representing district 19, and reside in Northwood, ND

As was read, HB 1358 is a bill defining regulations concerning rodeo Calcutta's. First of all, I usually do not offer "gambling" bills, but several local rodeo groups, wanted to try to make what they are currently doing, legal. I approached the gaming division of the AG's office, and they felt comfortable with putting this bill together. We all know of other Calcutta's, such as golf, stick horse races and etc. there are no guidelines for these types of wagering. The rodeo folks wanted to do something to make it legal, so they could come under the gaming division, fully realizing they are then subject to an audit.

Explaining a Calcutta

A Calcutta is a form of betting, in this case, for rodeos. One party buys a rider or a bull or horse, by being the high bidder,

hoping his rider or animal is the highest scorer in the event. Example-I am the high bidder at \$200 and the total of all bids is \$1,000, I will get a %age of the total, maybe 50%. The winning %age is announced before the auction. Usually, there will be 3 placings.

Normally, the amount paid out is 90%. The amount left, the 10%, which is given to a local charity or a local fundraising project. I have heard where it was for a local cancer patient.

I, along with the gaming department, feel the \$25,000 maximum payout, may be too much. I would be open to offering an amendment for something less, if the committee feels the same. Why I selected \$25,000, is I understand there have been some 50-50 events, have reached this number.

Mr Chairman and committee, this completes my testimony, and stand to answer any questions you may have  
Thank you  
Rep Wayne Trottier  
DIST 19. Northwood, ND

**Trottier, Wayne A.**

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**From:** Trottier, Wayne A.  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 12:57 PM  
**To:** Trottier, Wayne A.  
**Subject:** HHouse Bill 1358

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HB 1358  
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HHouse Bill 1358

Thank you madam Chair Sen Larson, and committee members

For the record, Rep Wayne Trottier, representing district 19, and reside in Northwood, ND. District 19 is in the NE corner of the state

As was read, HB 1358 is a bill defining regulations concerning rodeo Calcutta's Pros and cons.

If you animatedly oppose gambling this bill, you may Oppose this bill.

First of all, I usually do not offer "gambling" bills, but several local rodeo groups, wanted to try to-make what they are currently doing, legal. I approached the gaming division of the AG's office, and they felt comfortable with putting this bill together. We all know of other Calcutta's, such as golf, stick horse races and etc. there are no guidelines for these types of wagering. The rodeo folks wanted to do something to make it legal, so they could come under the gaming division, fully realizing they are then subject to an audit.

Explaining a Calcutta

A Calcutta is a form of betting, in this case, for rodeos One party buys a rider or a bull or horse, by being the high bidder, hoping his rider or animal is the highest scorer in the event. Example-I am the high bidder at \$200 and the total of all bids is \$1,000, I will get a %age of the total, maybe 50%. The winning %age is announced before the auction. Usually, there will be 3 placings.

Normally, the amount paid out is 90%. The amount left, the 10%, which is given to a local charity or a local fundraising project.

I have heard where it was for a local cancer patient.

The original bill had a \$25,000 limit, but the House Political Subs Committee lowered it to \$12,000. We discussed that amount during my testimony, and I agreed, as well as the gaming division of the AG'S office.

To date, I haven't heard of a Calcutta over \$12,000.

Madam Chair, and committee, this completes my testimony, and stand to answer any questions you may have

Thank you

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