

2019 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1423

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Coteau A Room, State Capitol

HB 1423
1/31/2019
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☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Kathleen Davis

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

To provide for a legislative management study relating to eligibility for gratis licenses to hunt elk or moose

Minutes:

Attachment 1

Rep. Terry Jones: presented Attachment 1.

Chairman Porter: Further support for HB 1423?

Curt Decker: In favor of this study, long overdue. Not just elk and moose, in addition add in mule deer. They give more consideration to out of state landowners that lifelong tax paying landowners. I'm in favor of this to take a good long hard look at the problems with gratis tags. Work with Game and Fish and sportsman groups.

Rep. Zubke: You mentioned the mule deer population is going down, do you have any evidence to that?

Decker: Just following it over the years. Impacted by oil industry, predators, gratis tags, mother nature. Evert tear about 13,000 tags each year go to gratis tags. What percentage of that is for Badland's units with the mule deer I couldn't tell you. There's little leftover for the average sportsman.

Chairman Porter: questions? Support? Opposition?

John Adams: I don't see a need for a study, we have an issue and just mirror the gratis for deer. I disagree with the comments on the mule deer population. I don't see a reason to do a study. It doesn't take away the opportunity to hunt public lands in the Badlands.

Chairman Porter: Any further opposition? Closed the hearing.

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Chairman Porter opened the hearing on HB 1423. We heard the bill that Sen. Unruh and I put in straightens out the language to make it consistent across the animals. The bill we have in fixes so partnerships can have 1 license for moose gratis in the partnership and the bill that Rep. Johnston put in, allows people to come back into the once in a lifetime gratis system if they're a landowner. It's those 3 bills and concepts we'll work on in a subcommittee.

We have 1423 in front of us which is a study for the moose and elk gratis system.

Rep. Ruby: I move a Do Not Pass on HB 1423.

Rep Bosch: Second.

Chairman Porter: We have a motion for a Do Not Pass on HB 1423 and a second. Discussion? The clerk called the roll. 13 yes 0 no 1 absent. Motion carried. Rep. Roers Jones is carrier.

Date: 2-1-19
Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1423**

House Energy and Natural Resources 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 Rep Ruby Seconded By Rep Bosch

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

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep Peers Jones

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1423: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1423 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2019 TESTIMONY

HB 1423

Chairman Porter and committee I am Representative Clayton Fegley from district 4 here to present to you HB 1423

This bill will set a study on how gratis licenses are handled for moose and elk. It will also ask the question of how often a person will be allowed to get a gratis and who qualifies for that tag.

I have seen the damage first hand with 9 moose in one field what they can do, from areas in the field where all of the cobs are gone to areas where the crop is totally flattened out, I believe that is where bulls where fighting. These are big animals and consume a lot of food and much of that food for moose is corn and sunflowers. We as landowners have to put up with that and not aloud to go out and protect are crop.

I ask the committee to give consideration of this bill