

TESTIMONY OF MIKE McENROE
SENATE BILL 2143
HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE
MARCH 5, 2021

Chairman Porter and members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is Mike McEnroe and I have been a North Dakota Hunter Education instructor for 29 years and a deer and big game hunter for over 50 years. I am not providing testimony on behalf of the 700-800 Hunter Education instructors in the state, only commenting as one of them.

I support the concept of SB 2143 which would allow the use of fluorescent pink outer clothing for big game hunting. If fluorescent pink, hot pink, or blaze pink clothing would attract more women to hunting, that would be a very positive outcome for this legislation.

I have reviewed some of Dr. Sarmadi's (university of Wisconsin) work on "blaze pink", the letters criticizing his work, and also his letter answering the critics of his studies. It seems that fluorescent, blaze, or hot pink in a solid color would be a safe color alternative to "hunter-safety" orange.

However, I do not believe that the same can be said for "camo orange" or "camo-pink" clothing. By very definition, "at least 50 percent fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink" is half of the legal requirement for 400 square inches of a highly visible color. Breaking the fluorescent color, either orange or pink, into smaller and camouflaged patches makes it more difficult to see. In low light or poor light conditions, camo-orange appears as brown. That is the very reason that current

North Dakota big game hunting regulations do not allow camo-orange clothing.

Besides, the idea of having “highly visible camouflage” is somewhat of a contradiction in terms.

I respectfully request that the Committee delete the camo-orange and camo-pink provisions of SB 2143.

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations.

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