

My name is David Sigloh. I am a board member for Kenmare Veterans Club Gaming. I would like to testify in opposition to HB 1497.

I believe the proposed changes relating to gaming site number limits would be especially prejudicial to small communities.

Many of the small communities in my area depend on distributions from the local charitable gaming to help fund community civic projects, extra-curricular activities in the schools, improvements to their volunteer fire departments and ambulance squads, and many other local causes.

If this bill is allowed to take effect, small communities with a relatively low volume of gaming, compared to larger establishments, will have difficulty finding a charity willing to conduct gaming in their communities. Or, they may find that their only option is a charity that is less willing to distribute the money locally.