

Chairman Porter, Vice Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

HB1414 should get a DO NOT PASS recommendation by the committee. Each session it seems that someone comes up with an idea to loosen restrictions for non-resident hunters. This is another flawed concept.

If non-residents want to hunt more days, they should buy another license. It's that simple. The license cost is one of the smallest expenses of any hunting trip-almost insignificant.

1414 is a complicated bill that will also be a nightmare for NDGF to administer. (did anyone ask them if this is even possible?) Who gets to go through 50 year-old paper files trying to prove/disprove qualifications? And WHO will pay for that expense? This is a fiscal loser for NDGF.

Why are we giving ANY incentives to people who've left our state? We should provide incentives for those who have chosen to stay, raise a family, and work in the State.

HB1414 should get a DO NOT PASS recommendation. It will serve a very small number of people who are not ND residents. It will create an administrative nightmare for NDGF. It will put additional strain on wildlife and hunter access. And in the end, HB1414 does not solve one single problem. It only creates more.

Your consideration is appreciated, as is your time and service to the people of North Dakota.



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