

Testimony in support of: North Dakota House Bill 1538-A Bill for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 20 of section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code

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To: Representative Porter and Members of the North Dakota House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

As an avid angler and outdoorsman, I am writing to voice my support for your House Bill 1538.

The current legislation for fishing tournaments, organized youth fishing, and for tournaments that are used as fund raisers is a financial burden and too restrictive. Many opportunities have been lost instead of gained. Communities that used to benefit from large tournaments no longer can look forward to the extra revenue brought there way. Youth fishing clubs struggle to take root with the current laws and organizations that want to host a fishing tournament such as fire departments, churches, and veterans clubs do not receive 100% of money they deserve.

House bill 1538 addresses the issues stated above and brings the change needed to North Dakota fishing community.

Thank you,

Kyle Hertz