

In Support of SB 2155 – Pronghorn Bill

Senate Bill 2155 seeks to amend North Dakota's pronghorn hunting license distribution by establishing a more equitable 50/50 split between landowner (gratis) and non-landowner hunters. Currently, the first 50 pronghorn tags in each unit are exclusively reserved for gratis hunters, with the remaining licenses divided equally. This system can lead to scenarios where non-landowner hunters have a significantly lower chance of obtaining a license, sometimes facing decade-long waits.

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By implementing a consistent 50/50 allocation, SB 2155 aims to balance hunting opportunities, ensuring that both landowners and non-landowners have equitable access to pronghorn licenses. This change is expected to reduce the waiting period for non-landowner hunters while maintaining favorable odds for landowners. The North Dakota Wildlife Federation supports this bill, highlighting its potential to create a more equitable distribution of hunting licenses.

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Supporting SB 2155 is essential for promoting fairness in North Dakota's hunting community and ensuring sustainable wildlife management practices.