

2025 HOUSE JUDICIARY

HB 1192

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee
Room JW327B, State Capitol

HB 1192
1/22/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the limitation on the value of a primary prize a permitted organization conducting gaming may award.

9:00 a.m. Chairman Klemin opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Klemin, Vice-Chairman Karls, Vice-Chairman Vetter, Representatives Christianson, Henderson, Hoverson, Johnston, McLeod, Olson, Tveit, VanWinkle, Wolff, Schneider

Members Absent: Representative Satrom

Discussion Topics:

- Public Spirited Organizations
- Vehicles as raffle prizes

9:01 a.m. Kathy Frelich, North Dakota Representative for District 15, introduced the bill #30626.

9:08 a.m. Scott Meske, North Dakota Gaming Alliance, testified in favor.

9:13 a.m. Travis Zablotney, North Dakota District 5 Chairman, testified in favor.

Additional written testimony:

Linda Koth, President of the Minnewaukan Community Club, submitted testimony in favor #30536.

9:16 a.m. Chairman Klemin closed the hearing.

Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk

Linda Koth
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January 12, 2025

Dear Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1192, which addresses the limitation on the value of a primary prize (and total of prizes) a permitted organization conducting a raffle may award. This legislation is an important step toward supporting charitable organizations, fostering community engagement, and updating gaming laws to reflect current needs and opportunities.

Our Club manages one major fundraiser per year, supporting both the local Rural Fire District and the Community Club in Minnewaukan. By raising or removing restrictive prize value limitations, this bill will enable our organization to offer more substantial prize incentives, increasing participation in this community event, as well as many like ours around the state. This, in turn, will help generate more funds for the vital programs and services we provide to citizens in and around Minnewaukan. Many organizations, including ours, depend on monies raised from these events to support causes such as youth programs, education, and other community-building events.

In addition, updating these limitations aligns with economic realities and the consistent increasing costs associated with organizing such events. It also places North Dakota on par with neighboring states, making it more competitive and attractive for participants and organizations alike.

Passage of House Bill 1192 will strengthen the ability of permitted organizations to accomplish their missions while continuing to comply with state regulations. I respectfully urge you and your colleagues to support this bill and help us and similar organizations thrive in our state.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Linda Koth
President- Minnewaukan Community Club



Kathy Frelich

Representative District 15

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Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am Kathy Frelich and I have the honor of representing District 15 which encompasses Devils Lake and the area up to the Canadian border.

House Bill 1192 changes the dollar amount allowed for a primary prize that an organization may award. It also increases the total dollar amount for all prizes. This statute only applies to organizations that are recognized as being "public-spirited."

The Primary prize limit is raised from \$8,000 to \$15,000. And the total prize limit is raised from \$40,000 thousand to \$50,000. No other changes are made to this code.

I will admit the need for this change was not on my radar but was brought to me by a constituent of District 9 which neighbors District 15. Her testimony is on-line. When I was asked to bring forward this legislation, I first visited with the Gaming Director at the Attorney General's office and was told that many people have enquired about increasing these amounts, inflation being the major factor. She explained that I may want to contact both the Township Association as well as the Association of Counties to let them know about the Bill proposal and I did follow through with that quite some time ago.

If you look at the on-line testimony, I believe she laid out the need for the increase and how these raffles are used in our area to support good causes. In this case the funds go to support the local rural fire district and the community club in Minnewaukan. Keep in mind the population of Minnewaukan is about 200 people, and it's easy to see how important these funds are to the community.

Thank you, Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, for considering this change.

Kathy Frelich
District 15

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11:17 a.m. Chairman Klemin opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Klemin, Vice-Chairman Karls, Vice-Chairman Vetter, Representatives Christianson, Henderson, Hoverson, McLeod, Olson, Satrom, Tveit, VanWinkle, Wolff, Schneider

Members Absent: Representative Johnston

Discussion Topics:

- Prize values
- Committee action

11:20 a.m. Representative Wolff moved a Do Pass.

11:20 a.m. Representative VanWinkle seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Karen Karls	N
Representative Steve Vetter	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative Jeff Hoverson	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	A
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	N
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	N
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Christina Wolff	Y

11:21 a.m. Motion passed 10-3-1

Representative Wolff will carry the bill.

11:23 a.m. Chairman Klemin closed the hearing.

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Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk

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Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1192 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2025 SENATE JUDICIARY

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2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB 1192
3/5/2025

Relating to the limitation on the value of a primary prize a permitted organization conducting gaming may award.

1:28 p.m. Chair Larson opened the hearing.

Members present:

Chair Larson, Vice Chairman Paulson, Senators: Castaneda, Cory, Luick, Myrdal, Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Prize limit increases
- Community fundraising
- Legislative updates
- Constituent advocacy

1:29 p.m. Representative Frelich, District 15, introduced the bill and submitted testimony in favor #38641.

1:32 p.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

1:33 p.m. Senator Braunberger moved a Do Pass.

1:33 p.m. Senator Myrdal seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Jose L. Castaneda	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

Motion Passed 7-0-0.

1:33 p.m. Senator Braunberger will carry the bill.

1:34 p.m. Committee discussion on upcoming schedule.

Additional written testimony:

Scott Meske, Lobbyist of North Dakota Gaming Alliance, submitted testimony in favor #38762.

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1:35 p.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1192 ([25.0392.01000](#))

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1192 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.



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Thank you, Chairwoman Larson and Committee members, for considering this change.

Kathy Frelich
District 15



**Benefiting North Dakota Communities
through Charitable Gaming**

Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 1192

March 5, 2025

Madam Chair Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I'm Scott Meske, representing the North Dakota Gaming Alliance and on behalf of the Members of the NDGA, we offer our support for House Bill 1192.

We do believe raising the prize limit to \$15,000 would certainly make raffles in smaller communities more competitive and simply keep up with inflationary costs. This is a simple measure that can support our charities, particularly in smaller towns.

Thank you to Rep. Frehlich for bringing this forward and we respectfully ask the Committee to issue a DO PASS recommendation on HB 1192.