

2025 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1412

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1412

1/23/2025

Relating to donations to the private land open to sportsmen program.

2:08 p.m. Vice Chairwoman Novak opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman D. Anderson, Vice Chairwoman Novak, Representatives: Dockter, Hagert, Headland, Heinert, Johnson, Marschall, J. Olson, M. Ruby, Conmy, Foss

Discussion Topics:

- Licensing system
- Online services
- Refunds

2:08 p.m. Chairman Porter introduced the bill.

2:11 p.m. Casey Anderson, Wildlife Division Chief, ND Game and Fish Department, testified in favor #30838.

Additional written testimony:

John Bradley, ND Wildlife Federation, submitted testimony in favor #30942.

2:16 p.m. Chairman Porter closed the meeting.

Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk or Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk



House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Testimony on HB 1412

North Dakota Game and Fish Department
Casey Anderson, Wildlife Division Chief
January 23, 2025

Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Casey Anderson and I serve as the Wildlife Division Chief for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (Department). I am testifying today in support of HB 1412.

Recent updates to the Department's online services better align with industry standards, eliminating the need for large-scale refunds. Moving forward, the Department will only charge successful applicants for licenses issued by lottery. The proposed bill maintains the option for unsuccessful applicants to donate their license fee to the Private Land Habitat and Access Improvement Fund and allocate that donation to the Private Land Open to Sportsmen program.

This donation option has been well received and generated nearly \$90K annually. Given the success of this initiative, the Department supports HB 1412.

This concludes my testimony and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY
NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION
HOUSE BILL 1412
HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 23, 2025

Chairman Porter and Members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

For the record, I am John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation (NDWF). NDWF is supportive of HB 1412 which cleans up a mechanism for voluntary donations to the Private Lands Open To Sportsmen (PLOTS) Program through the deer lottery . NDWF believes that the PLOTS program plays a critical role in hunting access currently and we hope to partner with conservation groups, game & fish, and willing landowners to expand that program in the future.

We urge a Do Pass on HB 1412.

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2:46 p.m. Chairman Porter opened the hearing.

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Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

2:46 p.m. Representative Dockter moved a Do Pass.

2:46 p.m. Vice Chairwoman Novak seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Dick Anderson	Y
Representative Anna Novak	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	Y
Representative Jason Dockter	Y
Representative Austin Foss	Y
Representative Jared c. Hagert	AB
Representative Craig Headland	AB
Representative Pat D. Heinert	AB
Representative Jorin Johnson	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Jeremy L. Olson	Y
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y

Motion carried: 10-0-3

Bill carrier: Representative Marschall

2:47 p.m. Chairman Porter closed the hearing.

Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1412 ([25.1121.01000](#))

Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1412 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2025 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1412

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB 1412
3/7/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-11.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to donations to the private land open to sportsmen program.

10:00 a.m. Chairman Patten opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Patten, Vice Chairman Kessel, Senators Beard, Enget, Gerhardt, and Van Oosting.

Members Absent: Senator Boehm.

Discussion Topics:

- Donation Options for License Fees
- Financial Impact of Donation Program
- Application Billing Timing

10:01 a.m. Representative Porter introduced the bill.

10:04 a.m. Brian Hosek, ND Game and Fish Department, testified in favor and submitted testimony #39354.

10:07 a.m. Chairman Patten closed the hearing.

10:08 a.m. Senator Enget moved a Do Pass.

10:08 a.m. Senator Gerhardt seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Dale Patten	Y
Senator Greg Kessel	Y
Senator Todd Beard	Y
Senator Keith Boehm	A
Senator Mark Enget	Y
Senator Justin Gerhardt	Y
Senator Desiree Van Oosting	Y

Motion Passed 6-0-1.

Senator Gerhardt will carry the bill.

Additional Written Testimony:

John Bradley, ND Wildlife Federation Executive Director, submitted testimony in favor #39494.

10:09 a.m. Chairman Patten closed the hearing.

Elizabeth Reiten for Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1412 ([25.1121.01000](#))

Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Patten, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1412 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.



Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Testimony on HB 1412

North Dakota Game and Fish Department
Brian Hosek, Administrative Services Division Chief
March 7, 2025

Chairman Patten and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Brian Hosek and I serve as the Administrative Services Division Chief for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (Department). I am testifying today in support of HB 1412.

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