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Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, thank you so much for the opportunity for me to present LD 40, An Act to Make Changes to the Commercial Large Game Shooting Area (CLGSA) License Transfer Process. This is the Department's bill so I will only speak briefly to the bill before giving the hearing over to them to discuss the bill in greater detail.

A Commercial Large Game Shooting Area (CLGSA) is an enclosed space where customers pay to hunt non-native deer species. Both CLGSAs and deer farms are regulated by the DACF's captive cervid program.

This bill amends the statute governing CLGSA license transfers, giving the Commissioner final authority to approve transfers once applicants meet statutory requirements. Currently, license holders only need to notify the Commissioner 30 days before a transfer, but there's no oversight to ensure the new owner meets all requirements before the transfer. This has led to issues, such as a 2023 transfer where the new owner was unable to meet licensing requirements within the statutorily defined timeframe.

The proposed amendment would add a verification step, ensuring that buyers meet all necessary licensing requirements before completing a transfer.

Thank you for your time.