

Testimony Neither For Nor Against L.D. 199-An Act To Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws and Related Provisions

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Committee Members:

I would like to propose the following amendment to L.D. 199. I propose that the language for Section 12304-B.4. read as follows, "**4. Disposal of parts not presented for registration.** A person may not dispose of the parts of a bear, deer or moose not presented for registration where they are, or may become accessible for consumption by any wildlife, including but not limited to eagles, vultures, crows and ravens."

It is apparent that the existing proposed language is solely intended for public relations purposes-to decrease anti-hunting sentiment by hiding gut piles from the public. My proposed language would accomplish this and it would help to decrease consumption of lead fragments by birds and other wildlife. As the committee is aware, increasing numbers of bald eagle illnesses and deaths are bringing bad publicity to hunting. Requiring hunters to take out and properly dispose of gut piles would likely save some eagles and other birds and it would certainly show that hunters are willing to do something to help resolve this problem.

Thank you.