

I am writing to register my opposition to LD 1033, "An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting on Private Property with the Written Permission of the Landowner." The question of whether to allow Sunday hunting has been raised numerous times over the years, and it has been opposed by the legislature every time. It's true that private landowners could simply deny permission, but why should people who are generous enough to allow hunters on their land six days a week even be asked, on the ONE day they have each week to enjoy their land, to allow more hunting? One comment submitted here noted that private landowners should be able to do what they want on their land. I agree...and therefore I think that private land should actually be private, meaning hunters should not be allowed on it as a matter of course. Private landowners should not have to post their land or not give written permission to keep hunters out. Hunters simply do not need more access to hunting than they already have, and landowners and wildlife deserve one day to roam the woods in peace. The fact that the NRA backs this bill shows that it is simply a ploy of the gun lobby to promote an activity that more and more people oppose.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

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