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LD 157

Dear Committee members,

Please supporting me in opposing LD 157, to use a portion of fees to create a fund to payroll possible department intervention in public ballot issues.

MDIFW's budget also relies on General Funds to meet their budget. By taking money from license fees for political purposes means more budget money will have to come from the General Fund.

MDIFW also currently offers plenty of information about species online via their websites. This bill is to set monies aside for a retainer to pay for what basically becomes the hunting lobby. SAM is fully able to lobby the public for support via hunter participation. Also, some hunters may disagree with certain hunting methods yet this bill would make the department beholden to political pressure.

Please strike the "education" fund portion of this bill, thank you.