

Members of the House;

I am writing in opposition of HB 1151 for multiple reasons. As a supporter of science based wildlife management this bill falls far short of my expectations of the state to use proven science to make decisions and not emotion. As a hunter I support the Game and Fish Department in their work to support healthy wildlife populations, and this bill would strip them of a management tool that they do not use lightly to begin with. I do not believe that the legislature should be setting the precedent of making wildlife management decisions and taking power away from the biologists who specialize in making decisions on behalf of our shared wildlife. I also worry about the lack of ability to respond to outbreaks of TB and Brucellosis within our cervid herd that could have detrimental effects to the livestock producers of our state. It has been long held in the United States that the wildlife is held and managed by the states for the public trust, HB 1151 goes directly against this by eliminating a necessary management tool for our public wildlife. I urge you to Vote No on HB 1151.

-Logan Anderson