

**2021 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**SB 2172**

# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Energy and Natural Resources Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SB 2172  
1/21/2021

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-08-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a preference for moose hunting licenses for individuals seventy-five years of age and older.
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**Chairman Kreun** called the hearing to order at 10:03am, Senators Patten, Piepkorn, J. Roers, Kreun, Bell, and Schaible are present.

### Discussion Topics:

- Current Hunting lottery system
- Changes to Hunting Lottery System
- Changes to probability

**Senator Klein**, District 14, introduced the bill and testified in favor (10:04am).

**Scott Peterson**, ND Game and Fish, testified neutral (10:07am).

**Curt Decker**, a Dickinson Resident, testified opposed (10:18am).

**Senator Patten** moved to DO NOT PASS (10:28)

**Senator Piepkorn** seconded (10:28)

Motioned carried 6-0-0

**Senator Roers** will carry the bill

### Additional Written Testimony:

**John Bradley**, ND Wildlife Federation Executive Director, testified opposed #2087,

Roll Call Vote: DO NOT PASS Senators	Vote
Senator Curt Kreun	Y
Senator Jim Roers	Y
Senator Merrill Piepkorn	Y
Senator Dale Patten	Y
Senator Jessica Bell	Y
Senator Don Schaible	Y

**Chairman Kreun** called the hearing to a close at (10:31am).

*Dave Owen, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2172: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Kreun, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB  
2172 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.



## NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

### **TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION SENATE BILL 2172 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE JANUARY 21, 2021**

Chairman Kreun, members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

For the record, I am John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation. I am writing today representing our 1,500 members and 15 affiliated wildlife and sportsmen's club across North Dakota.

NDWF opposes SB 2172. NDWF generally opposes interest groups from receiving special treatment under the hunting license lottery system. SB 2172 aims to give preference to people over the age of 75. A North Dakota moose hunt is something that many hunters dream of. Many spend years waiting to be drawn for a bull moose tag, increasing the odds for 75 years and older residents comes at the expense of everyone else in the lottery.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that the committee might have.

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## Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

SB 2172

3/5/2021

Relating to a preference for moose hunting licenses for individuals seventy-five years of age and older

### 9:00 AM

Chairman Porter opened the hearing. Roll call was taken. Present: Representatives Porter, Damschen, Anderson, Bosch, Devlin, Heinert, Keiser, Lefor, Marschall, Roers Jones, Ruby, Zubke, Guggisberg, and Ista.

### Discussion Topics:

- Two chances at the lottery for those over age 75
- Preference to special interest groups
- Hunting applicants recruitment and retention
- Privilege vs right
- Fairness
- Depredation criteria

### Testimony

Oral        Sen Jerry Klein, District 14  
#7500      John Bradley, executive director, ND Wildlife Federation  
Oral        Curt Decker, Dickinson  
Oral        Scott Peterson, deputy director, ND G&F

**9:21 AM** hearing closed.

*Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk*



## NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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North Dakota Wildlife Federation  
Senate Bill 2172  
House Energy and Natural Resource Committee  
March 5th, 2021**

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Chairman Porter opened the hearing. Present: Representatives Porter, Damschen, Anderson, Bosch, Devlin, Heinert, Keiser, Lefor, Marschall, Roers Jones, Ruby, Zubke, Guggisberg, and Ista.

### Discussion topics:

Committee work

Rep Ruby moved a Do Not Pass, seconded by Rep D Anderson.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Chuck Damschen	Y
Representative Dick Anderson	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Bill Devlin	Y
Representative Ron Guggisberg	Y
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Zachary Ista	Y
Representative George Keiser	Y
Representative Mike Lefor	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Shannon Roers Jones	Y
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Denton Zubke	Y

Motion carried. 14 – 0 – 0 Rep M Ruby is carrier.

10:47 AM hearing closed.

*Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk*



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2172: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
SB 2172 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.