

Testimony Concerning H.B. No. 5324
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I would like to thank the Select Committee on Children for the opportunity to express my concerns on H.B. No. 5324 , AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD SAFETY BY RESTRICTING THE PLACEMENT OF LEGHOLD TRAPS

I shudder to think of the danger that leghold traps pose to both humans and animals. These traps are unpredictable, indiscriminate, cruel, and ultimately one of the sloppiest and most cowardly forms of hunting. It's disgraceful that these traps are permissible at all, but to place them anywhere close to children is simply unacceptable.

Any number of potentially deadly catastrophes can arise from these traps: children playing, people exploring the woods or out hiking, pets who have strayed from home, mountain bike tires, or anything else that just happens to take a wrong turn. Not to mention the wild animals who, instead of being swiftly killed, are left maimed and suffering.

I strongly urge you to support this bill, and limit the areas in which such a barbaric device may be placed.

Thank you,

Amy Harrell