

Members of the Committee,

Please accept this respectfully submitted exception to Section 4 of the subject referenced bill.

Buried amidst the language regarding fishing/gaming lies a deleterious piece of legislation that will terminate a critical right for the blind/disabled to own food vendor/service businesses in our state parks/forests. It is painful to see that those who are unable to fully fend for themselves, yet again be targeted. The right for the disabled to earn the fulfillment of owning a small business, as any other taxpayers should be preserved, not stripped through 'highest responsible bidder'. What does that even mean to a small disadvantaged business? .

This section is another way that those detached from the visually impaired/disabled are themselves are 'blinded' by greed are pushing short-term pocket solution for a few at the expense of many.

Placing mixed legislation under bills is not new in this era of blended politics, but this section of bill has pushed to the limit in my opinion, gaining free enterprise ethically. If one was not careful, they could easily miss the juxtaposed details of gaming and state park food service.

Were it not for DORS and others, the disabled/visually impaired would really be taken advantage. The exclusionary language prohibiting BESB from proposing excluding an entire segment of those what traditionally have been at the heart of the process.

I implore you and your committee to reconsider the long-term implications of passing such legislation through for further approval. The loss of entrepreneurs, for which cities and state receive credit, the additional burden of financially supporting those who lose their businesses and more.

I respectfully request that Section 4 with regard to protecting the exclusive rights of the disabled/visually impaired to sell food in our state parks be stricken from this bill.

Your consideration of my request is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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