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Testimony presented to the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

IN SUPPORT of H.B. No. 5306 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A RANDOM DRAWING FOR A LIFETIME HUNTING OR FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSE. .

by Robert T. Crook, Director.

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This bill is an effort to increase/retain participation in hunting and fishing by retaining and recruiting sportsmen based upon annual random drawings for the award of a lifetime hunting and a lifetime freshwater fishing license, respectively, to residents of this state.

This is an innovative proposal that provides incentive to continue involvement in hunting and fishing activity to those who participate, drop out, and return again. We believe that although it is a chancy option, many will opt to continue their annual licenses. Additionally, it provides DEEP credibility in providing support to their licensees with very minimal cost.

Lifetime licenses available to all have been discussed repeatedly, but due to significant pricing, required involvement counts, and long term revenue loss it is not practical.

We urge SUPPORT

Thank you