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On Behalf Of: Arrowhead River Adventures  
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2558

Dear House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

I am writing to express my opposition to the current reading (Feb 18, 2025) of HB 2558.

While I understand that the proposed fee increase to \$350 is reasonable given the deficit faced by the OSMB due to its enforcement burden, I believe the current fee structure unfairly burdens the fishing sector. Fishing guides are required to register and pay fees to the OSMB regardless of whether they are employees or independent contractors. However, non-fishing guides acting as employees are not subject to these fees.

To address this inequity, I propose that all guides acting as employees be treated equally, regardless of their sector. I suggest two potential solutions:

1. Include fishing guides hired as employees under the "crew" designation.
2. Consider employee guides engaged in fishing the same as employees engaged in any other activity (e.g., scenic tours, whitewater, rock climbing, bicycling).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Drake