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HB148: An act authorizing the use of motor vehicles to retrieve big game animals...

Introduced by D Kary

My husband is a hunter so I ran this by him and his response was that anyone who can walk into a non-motorized area to hunt should retrieve the animal in a non-motorized manner. There are reasons the areas are designated as non-motorized and they should be kept as such.

He feels that retrieval is as big a responsibility and part of the hunting experience as the taking of the animal, even though it can be exhausting. A hunter should be aware at all times of the distance and effort it would take to get an animal back to their vehicle.

He has, in the last several seasons, taken an elk in a non-motorized area south of Malta. One year, he carried part of it out the day he harvested the elk, and ~~took~~ a friend back the next day to help carry out the remaining meat. ^{took}

The last time, it took him and friend a couple of trips carrying the meat back to the pickup.

We urge the members of the committee to vote no on this bill to maintain the hunting experience and integrity of non-motorized areas.

Thank you,

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