

February 25, 2026

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Bill: HB1063-Natural Resources-Hunting-Management

Position: Unfavorable

Chair Korman, Deputy Chair Guyton, Members of the Committee:

I oppose HB1063 and Sunday hunting in general. Hunting is a needed and important management tool, especially for white-tailed deer. But there should be one day of the week that the general public can enjoy the outdoors and not have to wear blaze orange. This bill would extend Sunday hunting into the spring for bow hunting of turkey. It will also expand firearms hunting to Sundays in the fall.

I am a birder and spend much time in the outdoors. I only ask that one day a week be preserved for quiet enjoyment of the outdoors. I do not believe extending hunting into Sundays will have a meaningful impact on our deer overpopulation.

In past Sunday hunting bills, it has been alleged that not all hunters can go out during weekdays and need Sundays as well as Saturdays. This is a ridiculous argument. Other users of the outdoors such as birders, hikers, horseback riders, and so on, likewise may only have Saturday and Sunday to enjoy the outdoors.

I ask the committee to issue an unfavorable report on HB1063,

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