



Minnesota Game Breeders Club
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Minnesota House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee
Chair Samantha Vang

March 11, 2024

Re: Opposition to HF 4655 Bird – Bird hatching banned in schools.

Chair Vang and Members,

The Minnesota Game Breeders Club is an organization that was created with the intent to preserve and propagate all varieties of game, ornamental birds through captivity. By doing so, we hope that future generations will be able to participate in the beauties of the natural world and outdoor life.

By taking away bird hatching in schools you are removing the opportunity to further open kids/students' eyes to the natural world.

The benefits of hatching birds in schools far outweighs any sort of negatives. Any health-related risks associated could easily be curtailed by following proper sanitation protocols.

Hatching birds in schools provides students with a tangible and interactive learning experience. They can participate in the process, from observing eggs to witnessing the hatching and subsequent stages of bird development. Bird hatching programs offer a unique opportunity to teach students about the life cycle of birds. Through bird hatching, students gain a deeper understanding of the natural world and the importance of biodiversity. They become more environmentally aware and appreciate the role that birds play in ecosystems.

Finally, in an increasingly urbanized and digital world, bird hatching programs provide students with a direct connection to nature. It allows them to appreciate the wonders of the natural world and can instill a lifelong interest in wildlife and conservation.

On behalf of the Minnesota Game Breeders club, we strongly urge Samantha Vang and committee members to oppose HF 4655 for the benefit of Minnesota's upcoming generations knowledge on our state's great agricultural and natural environmental resources that we have so longed cared for.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective on this bill.

Sincerely,

Minnesota Game Breeders Club's Board of Directors.