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## House Bill 268 Sponsor Statement

## "An Act establishing a big bull moose derbies as an authorized form of the charitable gaming."

House Bill 268 would allow the Tanana Valley Sportsmen Association to raise funds for their organization and the University of Fairbanks Nanooks Rifle team equally. The big bull moose derbies would be operated much like other contests already allowed under statute. This will take place during the annual moose season, by individuals that have acquired all the proper documentation already implemented by the State of Alaska to stay within the legal boundaries of the moose season. Participants must purchase a derby ticket prior to the open day of the season. The winner would be determined based on the bull antlers; the widest spread legally taken and would receive a predetermined portion of the net proceeds from the fund raiser. Anyone who enters a bull would, regardless of the antler spread, be entered into a drawing for prizes.

The Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association (TVSA) is a nonprofit organization that hosts training and completion events for the nationally ranked University of Alaska Nanooks Rifle Team as well as the local high schools. It is home to a multitude of community and school events; NCAA tournaments, biathlon training & competition, gun safety and personal protection classes are among the many.

House Bill 268 would allow the raising of funds to further the use of the TVSA club house and support the efforts of the nationally ranked UAF Nanooks Rifle team who has produced Olympic level competitors.