

Senate Bill 28 – Sponsor Testimony

Thank you for allowing me to speak about Senate Bill 28.

Senate Bill 28 is simple legislation that adds owls to the list of birds authorized to be used for the sport of falconry.

As you may know, the sport of falconry is the hunting of wild animals by means of a trained bird of prey. Current law allows for falcons, hawks, eagles, and other predatory birds to be used in the sport.

However, many constituents have felt that the current list is too restrictive.

The addition of owls to this list is something that many Ohioans in the falconry community have wanted for years and this change is fully supported by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Previously known as Senate Bill 380, during the 133rd General Assembly, this bill passed with unanimous support in the Senate.

Now, as Senate Bill 28, this legislation passed, again, with unanimous support.

Thank you for allowing me to speak to Senate Bill 28 and I would be happy to answer any questions, at this time.