

STATE ADMINISTRATION

Exhibit No. 2
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Bill No. SB-359

Senator Liabile

Please enter this testimony into the record on Senate bill 359, as I can't make the committee hearing.. Thank you very much.

During my tenure in the legislature I learned the term, "Unintended consequences". This bill has many of those, smoke screened by the moving of the board, and completely missing the major problems.

1. Please note that it is sponsored and paid for by "breeders" not owners that race in Montana. There is no definition of "breeder". Anyone that has one mare?? Do you Most "Breeders of merit, sell or send their horse OUT of Montana. Only occasionally will they run in Montana and then only a "token" horse.
2. Section 1-2 (b) starts out with "Horse breeding," NOT horse racing. Section 3- 3 (a) again emphasizes "breeding" NOT horse racing.
3. The board will have "breeders", but no owners.
4. Rules presently require at least one Montana bred race per day, to support Montana breeders.

IN SUMMARY: I SEE NO REAL ADVANTAGE TO MOVING THE BOARD AS THERE IS NO MORE MONEY THERE, SO HOW WILL THIS COLLABORATION WORK DIFFERENTLY??---BUT--- PLEASE AMEND IF THE BILL ADVANCES TO INCLUDE THE OWNERS---THE PEOPLE THAT PROMOTE "RACING" WHICH IS WHAT THIS WHOLE THING IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT. FOR EXAMPLE, OWNERS AND TRAINERS SPEND APPROXIMATELY \$250,000 A MONTH IN A COMMUNITY JUST PREPARING TO RACE.

MAYBE JUST KILL THIS BILL AND DO IT FAIRLY..

Sincerely

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