

EXHIBIT 28
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HB 548

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Oppose HB548

Dear Representatives:

1. I am a "Dog Lover" who visits Montana to attend various events relating to my dogs, which mainly are dog shows. If you haven't already seen it, here are the number of dog related events in Montana the last three years, along with the amount of dogs participating and the revenue project for those events:

2006: 70 events, 19,067 dogs participated

2007: 75 events, 19,926 dogs participated

2008: 83 events, 17,291 dogs participated

Totals: 56,284 dogs participated in 228 events in Montana over the past 3 years! Below is a revenue projection:

Here are the estimates for Montana dog related tourism using the smallest estimates (-1000 entries):

2006: \$22,344,000

2007: \$23,940,000

2008: \$26,493,600

So, there is over \$72 million dollars in revenue for dog related tourism just in the last 3 years. I am opposing HB 548 because of the love I have for "all" dogs and would hope that Montana will be known as a dog friendly state. With numbers like this, I would hope that you would consider opposing this bill too!

Best regards,

Tina Grant