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STEVE BULLOCK
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April 10, 2017

The Honorable Scott Sales
President of the Senate
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

Dear President Sales:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, I hereby return with amendments Senate Bill 155 (SB 155), "AN ACT PROVIDING CONSISTENCY OF AGRICULTURAL AND VEGETABLE SEED REGULATION BY THE STATE; PROHIBITING LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF AGRICULTURAL SEED; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-111, 80-5-120, AND 80-5-136, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

SB 155 seeks to provide consistent regulation of agricultural and vegetable seed. In its current form, it goes further than is necessary to accomplish its stated intent. My amendments clarify that local governments are not prohibited from adopting regulations governing the registration, labeling, notification of use, and marketing of agricultural and vegetable seeds.

I respectfully ask for your support of these amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Bullock", written over a horizontal line.

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor

Enclosure

cc: Legislative Services Division
Corey Stapleton, Secretary of State

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 155
Reference Copy

Requested by the Governor

For the Senate Committee of the Whole

Prepared by Todd Everts
April 10, 2017 (11:07am)

1. Page 2, line 24.

Strike: "registration, labeling, marketing,"

Following: "possession,"

Strike: "notification of use,"

2. Page 8, line 5 through line 6.

Strike: "registration, labeling, marketing," on line 5

Strike: "notification" on line 5 through the first "use," on line

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