

To: Chairman Bud Estes
Members, Senate Federal & State Affairs

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Humane Society Legislative Fund of Kansas
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Humane Society of the United States
Kansas Animal Control Association
Kansas City RE-GAP – Greyhound Rescue,
Kansas City
Humane Society of Greater Kansas City
Great Plains SPCA – Merriam
Leavenworth Co. Humane Society –
Leavenworth
Southeast Kansas Humane Society – Pittsburg
Allen County Animal Rescue Facility – La Harpe
Animals With Our Love – Independence
Wichita Animal Action League – Wichita
Beauties & Beasts – Wichita
Second Chances – Wichita
Companion Animal Protection Society of
Kansas – Wichita
K9 Karma Animal Advocates – Wichita

Mt. Hope Animal Sanctuary – Wichita
Friends of Felines – Wichita
Heartstrings Animal Advocates – El Dorado
Helping Hands Humane Society – Topeka
Russel T. Reitz Animal Shelter - Manhattan
We are a Grateful Sanctuary (WAGS) –
Winfield
SRL – All Breed Dog Rescue – Minneapolis
Emporia Animal Shelter - Emporia
Humane Society of the Flint Hills – Emporia
Prairie Paws Humane Society – Ottawa
Always & Furever Midwest Animal Sanctuary –
Miami County
Heart of Jackson Humane Society – Holton
Brown Co Humane Society – Hiawatha
Humane Society of Atchison – Atchison
Kansas K9 ResQ – Wichita – Quinter
Proud Animal Lovers (PALS) – Parsons
Caring Hands Humane Society – Newton

Re: Testimony regarding SB 283

Date: January 28, 2020

My name is Terry Humphrey, lobbyist for the Humane Society of the United States and the Humane Society Legislative Fund of Kansas. Today, I am speaking on behalf of a coalition of animal welfare organizations in Kansas who oppose greyhound racing.

As you might expect, these organizations do not have a position on sports wagering legislation unless it permits wagering on greyhound racing. As written, SB 283 only excludes sports betting on greyhound racing that occurs in Kansas and is regulated by the Kansas Parimutuel Racing Act. However, the proposed Kansas sports wagering legislation should not permit betting on greyhound races that are beyond the reach of the KPRA; for example, betting on races or individual dogs in Iowa or other states where tracks are still operational.

We have spoken with the bill sponsors and they agree a technical amendment is needed to ensure that sports wagering on greyhound racing is not permitted anywhere. To make this correction, the following amendment is needed to the definition of a "Sporting event" on page 17, Section 17(jj) of SB 283:

(jj) (1) "Sporting event" means any professional or collegiate sport or athletic event, motor race event, horse race or any other special event authorized by the executive director that has not been completed at the time any wager is placed on such event.

(2) "Sporting event" does not include any greyhound race ~~that is subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-8801 et seq., and amendments thereto;~~ or any sporting or athletic event played by individuals that are at the high school level or below unless the majority of the participants in the sporting or athletic event are 18 years of age or older.

In closing, we respectfully request that you amend SB 283 as outlined above to guarantee sports wagering does not include greyhound racing.

Thank you.