

GOLDEN CIRCLE
Testimony on S.B. 260
House Committee on State & Federal Affairs

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Golden Circle Historic Racing facility, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of **S.B. 260, AN ACT concerning parimutuel wagering; relating to the Kansas Parimutuel Racing Act; modifying the qualifications for an organization license; redefining horsemen's associations and horsemen's nonprofit organizations; and changing the distribution of certain tax revenue.**

The Golden Circle is a historic horse racing facility slated to open in Park City in December of this year. The venue will operate **1,000 historic horse racing (HHR) machines** and offer **parimutuel wagering on simulcasts of live horse races from across the United States.** Additionally, the facility will feature various live entertainment options, including a **Gilley's concert hall.**

Support for the Intent of S.B. 260

The fundamental purpose of S.B. 260 is to direct a portion of tax revenue from HHR machines toward initiatives that benefit **horse racing and horse breeding** in Kansas. The Golden Circle fully supports this goal.

Thank you, and I am happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Very truly yours,



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