

As an owner and breeder of race horses in Kansas, it is my judgment that SB 241 is the best choice for both the State and the racing industry.

Having raced and bred horses in Kansas and other states for the past 20 years, I have seen owners and farms come and go. With every owner that leaves the state, jobs and money leave with them. It should be understood that SB 241 leaves unchanged the Parimutuel Racing Act on which the breeding program in Kansas has been established.

The breeding program is not subsidized in any way by the state. The money that goes into the breeding program is from breakage and outs at the race track from both live racing and simulcast signal. Breakage is the rounding off of the cents that are derived from the bet. The outs are the tickets that are not cashed by the gambler. This money goes into the funds that support the breeding and racing of horses in Kansas. This is money that stays in Kansas.

In conclusion, as the newly elected president of the Kansas Horsemen's Association (KHA), I can say that the KHA supports any legislation that improves the breeding and racing of horses and dogs in Kansas.

Respectfully,

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