

# DELOESTE



## EQUINE HOSPITAL

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Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Chris Camp and I have been an equine veterinarian in the Willamette Valley for 34 years. During this time, I have seen significant improvements in the veterinary care of horses. One of these areas of great improvement, is in the field of equine dentistry. Our knowledge, skills, and instrumentation have developed to the point that the level of care veterinarians practice today is far superior to the level from even 15 years ago. Instrumentation now consists of various power tools specifically engineered for equine dentistry. It is not possible to perform an adequate dental on a horse without utilizing this current technology. In order to use these tools, the horse requires standing sedation. In order to sedate a horse, a physical examination must be performed to ensure we are sedating a healthy horse. This is all part of the annual examination we perform on over a thousand horses per year in our care. Once a horse is sedated, the horse is medically monitored for any side effects during and after the procedure. Thankfully, side effects are uncommon but do occur and a veterinarian needs to act quickly to mitigate potential negative outcomes. A person untrained in veterinary medicine is simply not equipped to handle a medical emergency.

In summary, I do not support SB 976 as it will be a disservice to the horse.

Thank you for your time and please vote no on this legislation.

Sincerely,



Chris F. Camp, DVM