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### Testimony for SB 356

Mr. Chairman,

I am providing written testimony in opposition to SB 356.

Our counties own and operate carnival equipment for local fairs and celebrations. These events only occur a few times each year and are both insured and inspected before use. These carnival rides are for the enjoyment of local residents and visitors to the community. Unlike commercial carnivals, our community events are not for profit.

There are few people more concerned for the safety of their citizens than those who reside in the county and are often friends and family of those who are riding on the equipment. While accidents can still occur, even with the most stringent safety program, they are very far and between in these local community events.

It is not only unnecessary, but over-kill to apply the same inspection standards used for commercial carnival equipment that is often used year-round. I ask the committee to reject SB 356 for a more sensible and responsible approach to ensuring the safety of our local carnival equipment.

Thank-you. Senator Allen Schmidt