74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 439
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Carter

Senate Committee on Health Policy & Public Affairs

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Monnes Anderson

Nays: 0

Exc.: Courtney

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Meeting Dates: 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits animal from participating in race if animal was administered certain drugs within 24 hours prior to start of race.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Allowable administered drugs are therapeutic and not performance enhancing

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendments.

BACKGROUND: Current Oregon law, ORS 462.415 prohibits animals from participating in a race if after entry in the race it has been administered a drug; it possesses any drug detected in its system; its performance was stimulated, depressed or otherwise affected; it fails to satisfy conditions of the race. "Entry" is when a horse is enrolled in a race. "Post-time" is the official time set at which a race will start and the animals are required to be at their post. Many races have different entry deadlines which creates inconsistency. "24 hours prior to post-time" is an industry standard and would bring Oregon into line with neighboring states California and Washington.