

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means
<b>Vote:</b>	4-0-1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Kruse, Metsger, Westlund, Walker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Morse
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Deletes provision requiring that one-third of mutuel wagering receipts paid to the Oregon Racing Commission be deposited in the General Fund.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impact on county fairs
- Benefit to horse racing industry

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Mutuel wagering is a system in which participants in a wagering pool wager against each other rather than against the operator. The Oregon Racing Commission regulates all horse and greyhound racing where pari-mutuel wagering is conducted. The Commission currently administers seven horse and one greyhound pari-mutuel race meets that are conducted annually at various locations throughout the state.

The language that would be deleted by this bill was adopted in 1999 in HB 3425. At that time, testimony indicated that the moneys retained by the Oregon Racing Commission were to help fund the regulatory responsibilities of the Commission.