74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 6 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Berger, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum

Nays: Buckley

Exc.:

Prepared By: Jim Stembridge, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 6/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes, in conjunction with previously-authorized development of a major motor speedway in Morrow County, concurrent development of a speedway theme park, 250 road course garage units (residential units not intended for overnight use), and 100 units of transient lodging. Authorizes expansion of the site, after it becomes used for sanctioned racing, to include additional transient lodging, restaurants, and other speedway commercial uses. Defines "speedway theme park" and "sanctioned". Specifies process for application and approval of master plan by governing body of Morrow County. Requires mitigation of transportation impacts to the satisfaction of the Department of Transportation. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 665 B

Rep. Berger

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Location of proposed development
- History of the development proposal
- Tourism, job diversity, and the role of destination resorts in local economies
- Details of proposed development
- Legislative exceptions to Oregon land-use development process
- Ongoing use of motor speedway for automobile racing
- Number of races and other activities that occur when an event is sanctioned
- Involvement of state agencies in planning of the development

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 1094 (2005) allows development of a major motor speedway and related facilities on rural land in Morrow County. Proponents of Senate Bill 665-B would like to locate a NASCAR (National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing) destination site in Morrow County and believe the addition of residential development customarily provided in conjunction with marinas or golf courses will make their development more economically feasible.