

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer
Nays: 0
Exc.: Atkinson
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Meeting Dates: 2/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Forbids businesses from providing totalizator services through the use of totalizator equipment in Oregon without a totalizator license issued by the Oregon Racing Commission. Authorizes the Oregon Racing Commission to establish administrative rule regarding the issuance and renewal of totalizator licenses including establishment of fees. Makes violation of this requirement a misdemeanor.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Other states regulate totalizator companies
- Ability to regulate totalizator companies to ensure security of data
- Regulating gambling

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The "totalizator," or "tote," is an electronic system that consists of a network of computers and wagering terminals linked by modems and a frame-relay system, which electronically combines wagers into "pools." When a wager is entered into the system, based on pool totals, the totes record and display changes in the betting patterns and recalculate mutuel (pool) odds and projected payoffs in timed intervals. A totalizator facilitates wagering on horse races by allowing complex wagers beyond simple bets such as win, place, and show.