

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Conger, Doherty, Esquivel, Hoyle, Johnson, Matthews, Kennemer, Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes a definition of “gross mutuel wagering” for purposes of laws regulating horse racing and greyhound racing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The onset of telephone and Internet technology has brought about new methods for placing wagers on horse and greyhound racing. Today, wagers can be placed anywhere in the world by telephone, a web site, or at an off-track betting parlor, as well as in-person at a live race. While the term “mutuel,” a system in which wagers are placed in a pool regarding the outcome of a race and the participants are wagering only with other participants, is defined in statute, the term of “gross mutuel wagering,” which is commonly used in the racing community, is not defined in statute.

Senate Bill 759-A establishes that “gross mutuel racing” is defined as all mutual racing made in person at a licensed race course, an off-race course mutuel racing location approved by the Oregon Racing Commission, or under authorized account wagering.