

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Beyer

Nays: 0

Exc.: Atkinson, Starr

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Meeting Dates: 2/28, 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines “gross mutuel wagering” for purposes of laws regulating horse racing and greyhound racing. Requires an account wager to be made in person by the holder of the account at the race course.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Technology changes in race betting
- Ability to bet on out-of-state races

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: “Gross mutuel wagering” is a commonly used term in the racing community but is not defined in statute. The term ‘mutuel’ is defined in statute as “a system whereby wagers with respect to the outcome of a race are placed with a wagering pool in which the participants are wagering with each other and not against the operator.”