

HOUSE BILL 2613A

<p>What does House Bill 2613A do?</p>	<p>HB 2613A allows Portland Meadows Horse Track to offer Instant Racing to its patrons.</p>
<p>What is Instant Racing?</p>	<p>Instant Racing is a self-service tote terminal that allows bettors to place pari-mutuel wagers on historical races based on mathematical handicapping data offered onscreen. Once wagers are irrevocably placed, the historical race is viewed onscreen. Race number/date/facility are revealed at the end of the race along with the patron's winnings.</p>
<p>Can the system be hacked or beat?</p>	<p>Instant Racing utilizes the same totalizator technology as live and off track facilities. This is an extremely secure system. Instant Racing, its terminals, and employees will be regulated by the Oregon Racing Commission. The Instant Racing system contains OVER 250,000 historical races. All races were conducted at licensed, regulated racing facilities and have official results. Handicapping data is true and accurate but withholds horse names, jockey names, facility information and race identity. There have been no issues in other states.</p>
<p>Is this an expansion of gambling?</p>	<p>While some may view this as an expansion of gambling, the racing industry feels it is simply an opportunity to support itself by utilizing its own product at existing facilities to offer patrons more options while in attendance of live horse racing.</p>
<p>What is the need for this bill?</p>	<p>Live horse racing in Oregon, and THOUSANDS OF JOBS related to it, have been in jeopardy since the inception of video lottery and tribal casino compacts. By allowing pari-mutuel wagering on historical races through an Instant Racing tote terminal, the horse racing industry would be able to provide better facilities and better payouts for horsemen and the related workforce. These funds spread far and wide throughout the state of Oregon in local businesses and agribusiness. A study done by ECONorthwest shows horse racing adds \$202 million to Oregon's economy and directly contributes 1,171 jobs.</p>
<p>Who supports HB 2613A?</p>	<p>Portland Meadows Mike Dewey</p> <p>Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association Rob Douglas, Joan Buck</p> <p>Oregon Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association Randy Evers</p> <p>County Fairs John McCulley</p> <p>Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association Dave Nelson</p>

We urge you to **SUPPORT** House Bill 2613A