

OREGON RACING COMMISSION

The Oregon Racing Commission regulates and facilitates all aspects of the pari-mutuel industry in the State of Oregon for the benefit of the citizenry, the licensees, and participants. The Commission oversees horse racing at Portland Meadows Racetrack and at 5 county fair race meets, and regulates off-site simulcast races, multi-jurisdictional simulcasting, and interactive wagering totalizer hubs. The Commission’s goals include promoting horse racing in Oregon while ensuring the integrity of the sport as well as the safety of the contestants, public, and animals. The Commission accomplishes this through licensing, inspections, and investigations of irregularities.

OREGON RACING COMMISSION	2009-11 Actuals	2011-13 Leg. Approved	2013-15 Current Service Level	2013-15 Governor's Budget	2013-15 Co-Chairs' Budget (1.0)	% Change 2011-13 LAB to 2013-15 CSL
Other Funds	5,076,400	5,192,629	5,442,748	5,386,187	0	4.8%
TOTAL FUNDS	\$5,076,400	\$5,192,629	\$5,442,748	\$5,386,187	\$0	4.8%
Positions	16	15	15	15	0	0.0%
FTE	14.52	13.27	13.27	13.27	0.00	0.0%

Major Revenues	Budget Environment	Comparison by Fund Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported entirely by Other Funds derived from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wagering receipts License fees Fines <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Revenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hub Fees ■ License and Race Meet Fees ■ Unredeemed Winnings ■ Fines ■ 1% Betting Handle & Hub Tax ■ General Fund Distribution </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The future of horse racing in Oregon is uncertain due to aging patrons and competition from lottery, on-line gaming, and casino venues. Oregon is home to nine multi-jurisdictional simulcasting and interactive wage totalizator hubs, which pay fees and taxes, and provide the bulk of the agency’s revenue. 1/3 of hub revenue is allocated to the General Fund; the remaining 2/3rds are distributed to racing industry participants to support commercial race meets in Portland and local community summer meets. 	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>OREGON RACING COMMISSION</p> </div>

MAJOR CHALLENGES AND DECISION POINTS

1. The agency requested a CSL budget; there are no policy option packages for 2013 -15.
2. The Governor's budget includes unidentified reductions related to state agency assessments for DAS and the Office of Administrative Hearings, a reduction related to the PERS employer rate, and additional PERS related reductions which assume legislative action.
3. The agency is not proposing any legislation related to its budget, authority or operations.
4. The Future of Racing in Oregon Group (FROG), a coalition of owners, breeders, trainers, and others in the racing industry, is proposing legislation to change the split of Hub receipts from 66% to industry – 33% to the General Fund to 85%/15%.