

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Fagan, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Thompson, Weidner, Witt, Doherty
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/13, 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases share of moneys retained by Oregon Racing Commission from payments received by Commission from gross receipts of mutuel wagering recorded by totalizator system.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Possible fiscal/revenue impacts of measure’s passage
- Use of hub tax revenue

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A “totalizator” or “tote” is a machine that calculates gaming odds and pay outs from advanced deposit wagering. Oregon collects a “tote” hub tax on some transactions that filter through Oregon “totes.” The money collected is split between the General Fund and the Oregon Racing Commission. Of the money collected by the Commission from the hub tax, 100 percent is returned to the industry. This money helps to fund racing events at county fairs, supports various horseracing associations, and provides funds to Portland Meadows.

Currently, the General Fund receives one third (33.3 percent) and the Commission receives two thirds (66.6 percent) of revenue generated by the hub tax. House Bill 2614 increases the portion of the hub tax going to the Oregon Racing Commission from 66.6 percent to 85 percent.