

Oregon Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association Testimony in Support of HB 2719

Good afternoon Chair Clem and members of the committee. My name is Nick Lowe, spelled LOWE, and I serve as a Board member for the Oregon Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association more easily referred to as the OHBPA.

The OHBPA is a non-profit organization made up of over 800 Owners and Trainers of thoroughbred race horses in the state of Oregon. In a recent independent study it was determined the horse racing business is a \$200,000,000 industry in the state of Oregon. While that is good news, our commercial race track Portland Meadows and our members continue to struggle financially.

House Bill 2719 would provide additional revenues that could be used to support both the race track and the horsemen and horsewomen in the state of Oregon who so passionately support this great game.

The OHBPA strongly supports HB 2719 and asks for your yes vote on the bill.

Thank you and I would be glad to answer any questions.