

SB 5536

Racing Commission

SB 5536 is the budget bill for the Racing Commission. The Racing Commission is responsible for regulating the racing industry to ensure fairness, safety, and accurate receipts and payouts of wagers.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$6,028,486 Other Funds and 14 positions (12.27 FTE). The recommended budget eliminates an investigator position to reflect a vacancy that has existed since February, 2014, and redistributes that expenditure limitation to Services and Supplies, to cover anticipated increases in jockey insurance and attorney general expenses. The recommended budget better reflects the agency's recent actual and future expected expenditures.

The budget as proposed results in an anticipated \$1,257,334 in pari-mutual receipts for transfer to the General Fund, assuming current law distribution of revenue is maintained. It is recommended that agency performance targets for license turnaround time and customer service be reviewed in 2017, as the elimination of the investigator position may affect performance in these areas.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 5536 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.