

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water**

**MEASURE: HB 2719**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Action Date:** 03/03/15

**Action:** Do Pass. Refer To Ways And Means.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/12, 03/03

**Vote:**

Yeas: 7 - Clem, Gilliam, Gomberg, Helm, McLane, Post, Witt

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Increases share of moneys retained by Oregon Racing Commission from payments received by commission from gross receipts of mutual wagering recorded by totalizator system from 66 2/3 percent to 85 percent, leaving 15 percent to be deposited into General Fund.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impact of casino growth on horse racing industry
- Decline in registered foal crop in Oregon over time

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under current law, the Oregon Racing Commission (Commission) pays 33 1/3 percent of money received to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund. The remaining 66 2/3 percent is retained by the Commission.

House Bill 2719 would increase the share of payments retained by the Oregon Racing Commission from 66 2/3 percent to 85 percent and the remaining 15 percent would be deposited to the General Fund.