

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 77**

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**Measure Description:**

Allows Oregon Racing Commission to adopt rules to authorize and license Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs to conduct simulcast broadcasting of, and mutuel wagering on, animal races.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Racing Commission (ORC)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

**Analysis:**

The measure would permit the Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) to adopt new administrative rules allowing Advance Deposit Wagering companies (licensees) to broadcast and accept pari-mutuel wagers on previously held animal races. Under current law, licensees are not permitted to broadcast and accept wagers on previously held races; they are only allowed to broadcast and accept wagers on races that have not yet occurred. Licensees would receive wagers from bettors for broadcasting and hosting wagers of previously held races, as approved by the ORC, and licensees would pay assessment fees and a portion of their revenue to the ORC.

The measure would permit the ORC to promulgate new administrative rules covering all aspects of the transmission and pari-mutuel wagering of previously held animal races. Once implemented, the measure would require the ORC to audit and provide oversight of its licensees.

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate at this time because its costs will depend on how popular pari-mutuel wagering is for previously held races and the size of the market. The amount of revenue collected is also indeterminate. While any increase in pari-mutuel wagering would result in additional revenue for the ORC, the amount of new revenue generated will largely depend on the popularity of this new wagering product. Any increased cost to the ORC in regulating this product is expected to be covered by either additional revenue or the licensee as an operational expense. That said, ORC anticipates it would implement this measure within existing expenditure limitation and position authority.