

SB 165 A -A2, -A3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On General Government

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes revenue distributions from licensed horse race courses that conduct mutuel wagering based on historical horse racing to Oregon horse organizations, including the Oregon Racing Commission, Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, and Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association. Makes distributions required in 2022 and increases amounts by three percent each subsequent year.

Senate vote: Ayes, 28; Nays, 2--Heard, Thatcher

No fiscal impact; no revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A2 Requires a mutuel wager on historical horse racing be placed from a physical race course of a licensee. Allows mutuel wager to be placed on an electronic device only if the device is owned or leased by the operator of the race course at which the wager is placed. Prohibits a person from placing a mutuel wager on historical horse racing via mobile phone, personal computer, or other electronic device.

-A3 Prohibits mutuel wagering systems using an electronic device where it is possible to wager on more than one race in a three minute period. Repeals this provision January 2, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

SB 165 A specifies that revenue distributions from wagers made on historical horse racing be fixed payouts, with an annual increase of three percent, to various horse racing entities in the state, including the Oregon Racing Commission, the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, and the Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association. The measure makes these distributions required beginning in 2022 and increases the payment amounts by three percent each subsequent year.