

SB 165 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On General Government

Carrier: Rep. Wilde

Action Date: 05/28/21

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill and rescind subsequent referral to Rules. (Printed B-Eng).

Vote: 3-1-1-0

Yeas: 3 - Lively, Valderrama, Wilde

Nays: 1 - Zika

Exc: 1 - Leif

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 4/27, 5/4, 5/6, 5/11, 5/13, 5/25, 5/28

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. Requires distributions begin in 2022 and increase in amount by three percent each subsequent year. Requires a mutuel wager on historical animal 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 animal racing via mobile phone, personal computer, or other electronic device. Applies historical racing provisions to multi-jurisdictional simulcasting and interactive wagering.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Funding for horse racing entities in the state
- Mutuel wager games available on personal electronic devices

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Requires a mutuel wager on historical animal 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 animal racing via mobile phone, personal computer, or other electronic device. Applies historical racing provisions to multi-jurisdictional simulcasting and interactive wagering.

BACKGROUND:

ORS Chapter 462 sets the regulatory framework for racing in the state, including licensing requirements as administered by the Oregon Racing Commission, the roles of other animal racing organizations, and requirements for mutuel wagering on horse races previously held. Mutuel wagering is a common form of animal racing betting, in which bettors are wagering against each other.

Senate Bill 165 B specifies that revenue distributions from mutuel wagers made on historical horse racing be fixed payouts 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 requires that these distributions begin in 2022 and increases the payment amounts by three percent each subsequent year.

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The measure also specifies that a mutuel wager on historical animal racing may only be placed from a physical race course of a licensee, while allowing for a 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. Finally, the measure prohibits a person from placing a mutuel wager on historical animal racing via mobile phone, personal computer, or other electronic device.