

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1504

Relating to greyhound racing

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

SB 1504 prohibits the placing of wagers, acceptance of wagers, and providing gambling services in connection with greyhound racing, regardless of the state or country in which the race takes place. A person who commits such crime could receive punishments of maximum five years' imprisonment, a \$125,000 fine, or both, a Class C felony.

The -2 amendment replaces the bill and allows Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub licensees to establish an account for wagering on greyhound racing for an individual unless wagering on live greyhound racing is unlawful in the jurisdiction of the individual's principal residence.

The amendment also requires the Oregon Racing Commission to report to the legislature annually on total amount wagered on greyhound races in Oregon; total amount of state revenue derived from greyhound racing; race courses that hosted greyhound races on which wagers were accepted in Oregon; and regulatory rulings relating to courses made by regulatory bodies governing those courses

The -2 amendment has a fiscal impact of \$53,106 Other Funds and one position (0.25 FTE) for the 2021-23 biennium. Other Funds limitation and position authority are anticipated to be included in the omnibus budget bill if passed.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 1504 be amended by the -2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.