

Oregon Racing Commission: Uncertainty and Risk Remain After Gambling Industry Has Evolved Faster Than State Law

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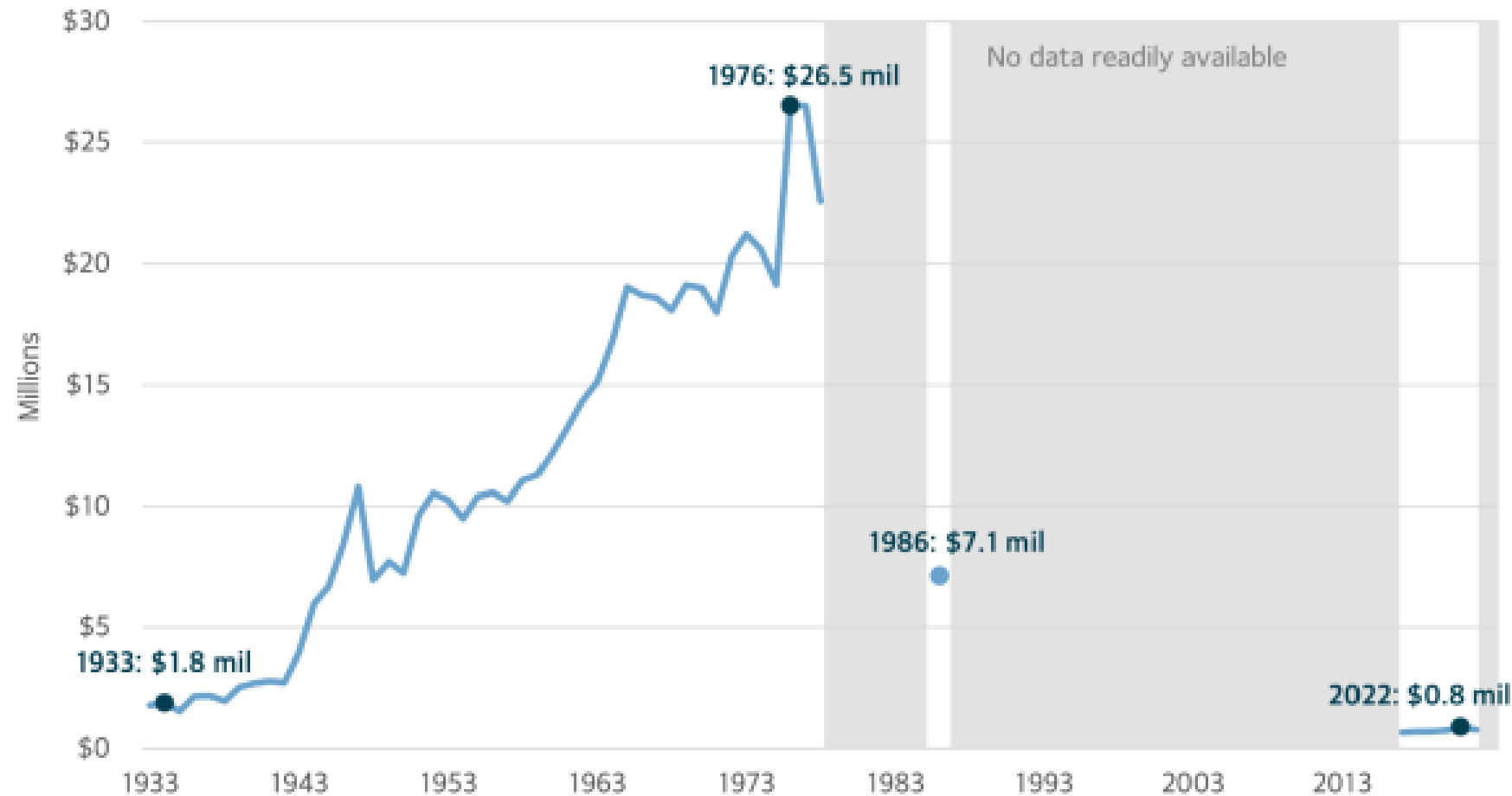


About the Project



Pari-mutuel environment

Figure 12: ORC contributions to the General Fund, when adjusted for inflation, increased significantly for decades before dropping to current levels



Source: Archived ORC annual reports, committee minutes, and SFMA.

Constitutional prohibition on casinos



Screenshots from b spot website



Screenshots from Wild Ruby Casino website

Gaming technology is evolving rapidly



Thoroughbred Mania HHR game screenshot | Source: 2013 OR Legislative hearing testimony

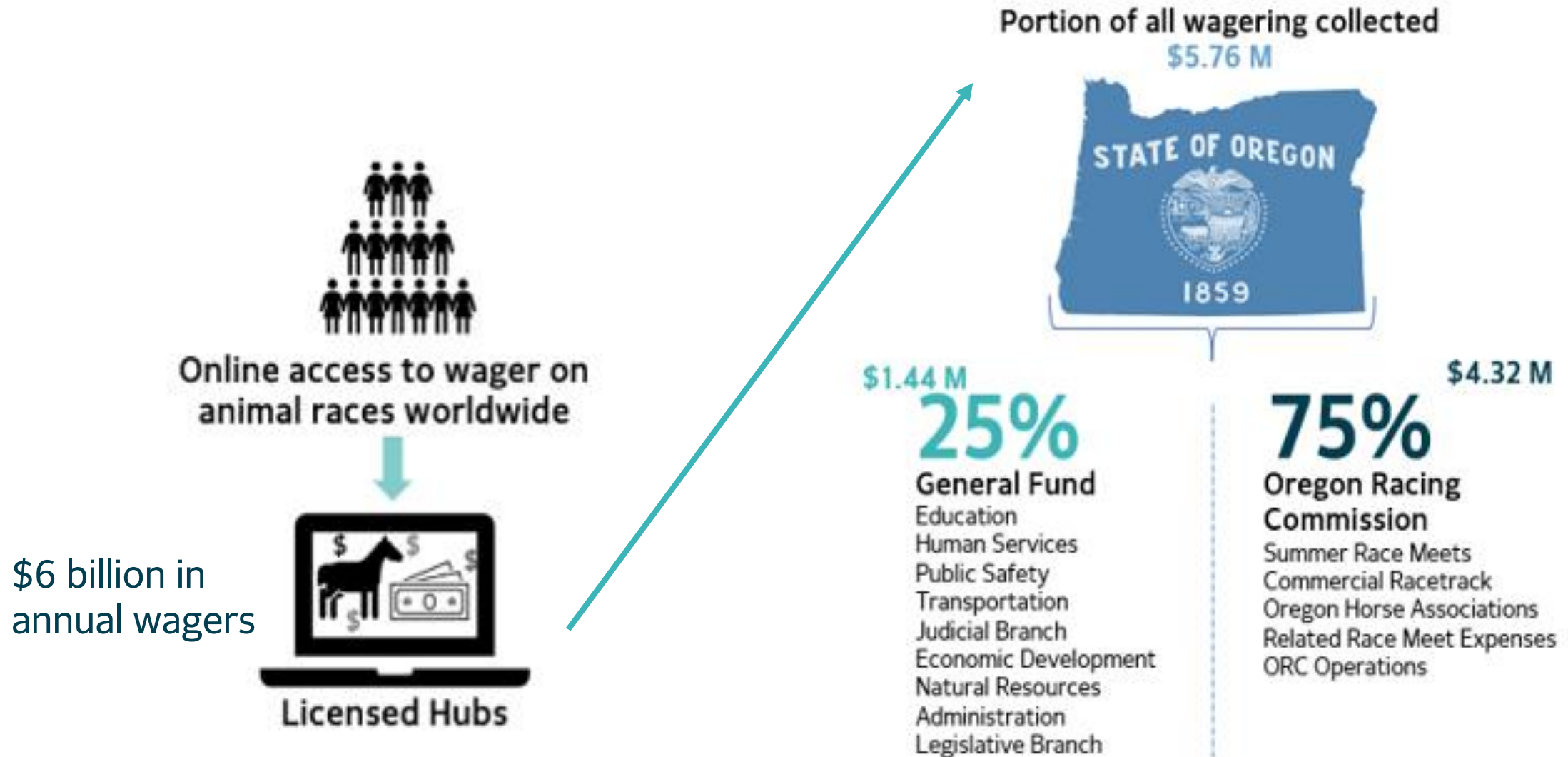


Buffalo Downs HHR game at Portland Meadows in 2017 | Source: ORC

Commission vacancies and tenure



Enhance oversight and transparency of ADW hub funds



Insufficient documentation of prior HHR machine reviews



HHR machines at Portland Meadows



Recommendations

ORC

- Improve rules and policies
- Improve documentation retention and transparency

Governor's Office

- Prioritize appointments for all commissions with broad authority

Legislature

- Define what constitutes a casino in statute
- Set limits on gaming technology

Questions?

Key Recommendation Define casino in state law

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