

HB 3514 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Gambling Regulation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) to investigate reports of Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub licensees that, in violation of statute, permit greyhound wagering accounts to be opened by individuals in jurisdictions where greyhound racing is unlawful. Requires ORC to suspend license of violators until licensee implements policies and procedures to prevent violations. Prohibits licensees from accepting wagers on greyhound races that took place, or are taking place, outside United States.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Prohibits Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub licensee from accepting or facilitating mutuel wagers on greyhound racing.

-2 Prohibits wagering on greyhound racing. Allows Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub licensees (Hubs) to accept and facilitate mutuel wagers on greyhound races from persons outside the state. Prohibits Hubs from accepting or facilitating mutuel wagers on greyhound races held at courses in Mexico. Prohibits Hubs from accepting or facilitating any wagers on any greyhound races after July 1, 2029. Adds reporting requirements to the Oregon Racing Commission annual reports to the Legislative Assembly. Makes conforming amendments and removes statutory references to greyhound racing.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Racing Commission licenses, regulates, and supervises all race meets in Oregon, and has sole discretion whether a meet is licensed. It has the authority to cooperate with racing commissions or boards in other jurisdictions, and other racing organizations, to enforce laws regulating racing. It is comprised of five members that are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

A Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub is a business that conducts pari-mutuel wagering on the races that it simulcasts, and other races that it carries in its wagering menu, through a qualified subscriber-based service. Pari-mutuel wagering is a game in which individuals wager on the outcome of a live race. Instead of wagering against a sportsbook, individuals wager against other individuals in a pool. Therefore, the wagers are pooled, and the winnings are shared equally amongst the individuals who placed the winning bets, after the house fees are deducted.

[Senate Bill 1504 \(2022\)](#) prohibited the granting or licensing of greyhound race meets on and after July 1, 2022. It also allowed a Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub to establish an account for wagering on greyhound racing for an individual, unless doing so was unlawful in the jurisdiction of the individual's principal residence. This effectively prohibited wagering on greyhound racing, regardless of the state or country in which the wagering occurs, if the individual resides in Oregon.

House Bill 3514 requires Oregon Racing Commission to investigate reports of Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub licensees that, in violation of statute, permit greyhound wagering accounts to be opened by individuals in jurisdictions where greyhound racing is unlawful, and explicitly prohibits licensees from accepting wagers on greyhound races that took place, or are taking place, outside United States.