

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5535 Oregon Racing Commission

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

SB 5535 is the budget bill for the Oregon Racing Commission.

The Racing Commission regulates all aspects of the horse racing industry in Oregon to ensure safety and integrity. Participants in live race meets, subscriber-based multi-jurisdictional simulcasting, and interactive wagering hubs registered and doing business in Oregon are among those subject to regulation.

The Subcommittee recommends a 2023-25 budget of \$7,313,421 Other Funds and 15 positions and 10.64 FTE. This is an 8.8% decrease over the 2021-23 current service level. The decrease is attributable to a decrease of \$600,000 in special payments from insufficient revenue, and a reduction of \$100,864 in the facility rental budget due to the agency's transition to a fully remote work setting.

A budget note is included for the Commission to report on the financial impact from the departure of Advanced Deposit Wagering Hub Companies from Oregon. The Subcommittee also recommends key performance measures with instruction to develop measures that track animal injuries, animal abuse, race fixing, and illegal wagers within Oregon.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 5535 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.