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**Bill Title:** Relating to racing.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Oregon Racing Commission

**Summary of Fiscal Impact**

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Racing Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000		
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Racing Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600,000	\$ -	\$ 1,600,000	-	-
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Measure Description**

This measure changes the distribution of Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub revenues. Currently, 25 percent of the total gross receipts of mutuel wagering recorded by the totalizator system are deposited in the General Fund, and 75 percent is distributed by the Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) for the benefit of the Oregon pari-mutuel racing industry. Under this measure, the 25 percent that currently goes to the General Fund would instead be spent by ORC for purposes related to equine and jockey safety.

**Fiscal Analysis**

This measure is estimated to increase ORC’s Other Funds revenue by \$400,000 in the 2023-25 biennium and \$1.6 million in the 2025-27 biennium, as per estimates provided by ORC. However, revenue estimates will need to be confirmed in the Revenue Impact Statement provided by the Legislative Revenue Office (LRO). ORC will need increased Other Funds expenditure limitation to expend this new revenue, but exact adjustments will be based on the amount of revenue projected by LRO and the agency’s existing expenditure limitation levels.

Funds would be used to support safety initiatives at racing locations in Tillamook, Grants Pass, Union, and Prineville. ORC would pass a majority of the funding to these race meets for specific safety issues, which includes identified needs such a rock picker, a new safety rail, and remedying security issues; as well as higher-cost items such as a total resurfacing of tracks, estimated to cost \$750,000 for each meet. ORC may also expend funds directly for purposes such as increasing veterinary staff, buying technology to assist with horse safety, or paying for expert consultants. ORC’s current estimates are that approximately \$50,000 would be used by the Commission directly for consulting on safety, and the remaining amount would go towards safety initiatives.

**Relevant Dates**

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2025.