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Chair John Lively
Oregon House Interim Committee on Gambling Regulation

Reference House Bill 4051, 2024 Regular Session

Chair Lively and members of the committee, I am Connie Erickson, current President of the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and I'm here today representing that group.

Section 2 of the printed bill:

We support a ban on wagering on greyhound racing by Oregon residents while located in Oregon. However we do not feel it is appropriate to legislate wagering on greyhound racing by residents of other jurisdictions and we encourage the adoption of an amendment that would reflect this change.

Section 3 (5):

The language in this section is in conflict with House Bill 4052. We support the provision in House Bill 4052 which changes the 25% of Hub funds currently going to the State General Fund and instead earmarks this amount for purposes related to equine and jockey safety.

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While we certainly support proper care of our race horses such that they not suffer abuse or neglect, the wording in these sections is ambiguous and would be very difficult to apply. Because of this we would support removal of these sections from HB 4051.