

SB 857 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure provides confidentiality for persons who report potential violations of racing laws or rules to the Oregon Racing Commission and makes the identity information exempt from public record disclosure requirements, unless the person chooses to waive confidentiality.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact.

REVENUE: Has minimal revenue impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Grounds for providing a confidential tip line
- Tipline use in other jurisdictions
- Investigator capacity is expected to increase after new technology systems are in place

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) regulates all aspects of the equine racing industry in Oregon, including the licensing of participants (jockeys, trainers, and owners) in live race meets, subscriber-based multi-jurisdictional simulcasting, and interactive wagering hubs registered and doing business in Oregon. ORS 462.270 also directs the commission to prepare and promulgate rules governing race meets and public training tracks consistent with public health, safety, welfare, humane practices, and any other matter pertaining to the good conduct of racing. For example, see [OAR 462-130-0010](#), which sets rules to protect the safety humans and animals in race meets. The ORC has authority to investigate violations, deny, revoke or suspend licenses, and impose civil penalties for licensees' violations of racing and wagering laws and rules. The commission cannot guarantee anonymity of persons providing information regarding potential violations, however.