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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1524
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Dear Chair Broadman and the Committee on Finance & Revenue,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 1524.

My name is Agustin Espinoza-Cisneros, and I serve as the Farm Foreman and Stallion Manager at Oakhurst Thoroughbreds, in Newberg, Oregon. I have had a lifetime passion for horses and animals dating back to my childhood in Mexico, and I truly love the work I do today.

I am deeply concerned that any future loss of racing days or opportunities in Oregon will lead to a reduction in the number of thoroughbred horses being bred and raised on our farm. Such a decline would directly impact my future livelihood. I have a good job that I value immensely, and I owe a significant part of my professional success to the Oregon horse racing community.

I also have extended family in the area that participate in Oregon racing with their quarter horses as Owners and Trainers. Without the financial help from this Bill, I worry about their opportunities to safely race their horses. Their participation and successes bring a lot of joy and pride to our family.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope that you will choose to support SB 1524 to help protect the future of our industry.

Best regards,
Agustin Espinoza-Cisneros