

Submitter: Lee Erickson  
On Behalf Of: Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders  
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1524

I support SB 1524.

Oregon's horse race industry needs and deserves support from the Oregon legislature and the Oregon Lottery.

The lottery began in 1985. Since then its wagering income has risen dramatically. At the same time, Oregon horse wagering has declined. There is a true correlation between lottery wagers and the decline in horse race wagering.

This bill will have a positive economic impact throughout the state. The horse race industry hires people and buys supplies locally. It provides recreational opportunities in the counties where racing occurs.

I ask that you consider the positive impact this bill will have for Oregon and vote yes.

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