

Dear Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane and Committee Members,

My name is Rod Lowe. I am the CEO of Horsemen's Racing Association, President of Southern Oregon Horse Racing Association, and the Director of Racing at Grants Pass Downs.

I have been involved in horse racing in Oregon since 1988. I first noticed the decline in the horse racing industry in the late 90's. This was after Indian casinos and Lottery started in Oregon in the early 90's. The Indian casinos and Lottery had a huge impact on wagering and people attending the races.

From 2000-2019 I have seen several race tracks close. The loss of the tracks has had a huge economic impact on communities and the loss of hundreds of jobs. We currently have 5 race meets (4 race tracks) left in Oregon. SB1524 needs to pass so we do not lose any more jobs or economically hurt our communities,

The greyhound bill that was passed last year has already cost the horse racing industry almost \$800,000. Two ADW companies have already left the state for another state that allows greyhound betting.

When the greyhound bill goes into effect the 2027-2029 biennium will have a minimum total loss of \$1,815,570.15.

If the other ADW's leave the state it will cost the horse racing industry \$3,377,989.93 plus Source Market Fees of \$730,000 that is paid to other horsemen's groups.

Right now we have eight Off Track Betting Sights (OTB's) in the state of Oregon. These OTB's also rely on greyhound wagering. If the OTB's close it would be another \$1,200,000 loss.

The greyhound bill that was passed in 2025 to stop all wagering on greyhounds by July 1, 2027 will have a major financial impact on the horse racing industry.

2027-2029 biennium	Minimum Loss	\$1,815,570
2027-2029 biennium	Maximum Loss	\$7,123,559

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