



OREGON COUNCIL on PROBLEM GAMBLING

Marty Wilde, Chair
Vice-Chair Gary Leif
Vice-Chair John Lively
House Committee on General Government
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

May 4, 2021

RE: SB 165

Dear Chair Wilde, Vice-Chair Leif, Vice-Chair Lively and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Council on Problem Gambling (OCPG) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to promoting the health of Oregonians by supporting efforts to minimize gambling-related harm. The OCPG is neutral on SB 165. This letter is in support of the -2 and -3 amendments to the bill.

Research has repeatedly shown that electronic forms of gambling are those preferred most by those with gambling problems, and that faster speed of play is associated with gambling-related harm (Griffiths, 2008; Meyer et al., 2009; Turner & Horbay, 2004). The -2 and -3 amendments would serve to help keep the spirit of historic horse racing with licensees while offering wagers with reasonable accessibility and pace.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like any further information. Thanks very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julie Hynes, MA, CPS, IGDC
Executive Director