

HB 2510 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes requirement that amount of net proceeds from Oregon State Lottery allocated to County Fair Account not exceed \$1.53 million annually. Requires Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to prepare and report master plan for county fairground capital construction. Specifies content and procedural requirements for report. Appropriates \$250,000 for consultant services related to report. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 creates the Horse Racing Account, money in the account shall be used to support house racing events held in Crook County, Josephine County, Tillamook County, and Union County. Replaces the 1% of net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery for the county fair account with 0.8% of net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery for the county fair account and 0.2% of net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery for the Horse Racing Account.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019 Fairgrounds hosted 6.15 million people during annual fairs and over 17,000 local events. An economic study by Oregon State University estimated that fairgrounds generated an economic footprint of approximately \$52 million in output, \$28 million in value-added income, and 867 full- and part-time jobs. County Fairs Support learning and leadership programs like 4-H and FFA.

Currently, the County Fair Account is allocated an amount equal to one percent of the net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery, but not to exceed \$1.53 million annually. House Bill 2510 removes the \$1.53 million limitation on Lottery proceeds that may be allocated to the County Fair Account.

In addition, the measure requires Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to work with county fair boards, the board of directors for each fair association, and the board of each fair district to develop a five-year and a ten-year capital construction master plan for each county fairground and make findings or recommendations on county fairground capital construction.