

SB 855 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure increases the civil penalty that the Oregon Racing Commission may impose to \$5,000 per offense and requires the commission to adopt rules establishing the civil penalties that may be imposed.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 2023 Oregon Secretary of State audit did not directly address this
- Low civil penalty in comparison to potential winnings or prizes
- Board of Stewards sets the fine

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) regulates all aspects of the equine racing industry in Oregon, including the licensing of participants (jockeys, trainers, and owners) in live race meets, subscriber-based multi-jurisdictional simulcasting, and interactive wagering hubs registered and doing business in Oregon. The ORC has authority to investigate violations, deny, revoke or suspend licenses, and impose civil penalties for licensees' violations of racing and wagering laws and rules. The maximum civil penalty is currently \$500 per offense.