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Bill Title: Relating to racing.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Cities, Counties, Oregon Racing Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact

This measure is anticipated to have a fiscal impact and may require budgetary action- See explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure prohibits all betting on greyhound and any other dog racing, regardless of where the race takes place. The measure also removes language related to dog racing in Oregon statutes.

Fiscal Analysis

Oregon Racing Commission

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) would need to conduct new rulemaking to prevent Advance Deposit Wagering Hubs (ADW) from offering prohibited wagers related to dog racing, however, this would have no impact to ORC's expenditures. The measure is anticipated to have an adverse revenue impact on the Commission due to losing revenues currently collected from racing license fees.

The Commission expects a revenue loss of \$200,000 per biennium from racing license fee revenue. This loss is due to the absence of greyhound wagering, which generates payments from an online wagering licensee. Of the total, \$50,000 would be a reduction in transfers that currently go to the General Fund and a \$150,000 decrease in special payments to ORC that funds safety, purses, and economic development.

ORC notes that the prohibition on dog racing may result in certain online wagering licensees no longer operating in Oregon. Currently, there are two ADW Hub licensees in Oregon that offer greyhound racing. These online wagering companies are publicly traded, and the loss of revenue from making greyhound racing fully illegal will negatively impact shareholders. Subsequently, there is a possibility the two ADW companies that take greyhound wagers in Oregon will leave to another state to collect those monies. If these two online wagering companies leave Oregon entirely, there will be an estimated reduction of \$2.3 million in biennial revenues, resulting in a reduction of \$450,000 currently transferred to the General Fund per biennium and further reductions in Special payments and Operations.

Other Entities

There is anticipated to be no fiscal impact to cities or counties.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2027.