

HB 3020 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits any person from wagering on the outcome of a greyhound or other dog race, or accept or facilitate such wagering, regardless of the location where the race takes place. Makes conforming and technical amendments. Operative on July 1, 2027.

REVENUE: Has minimal revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of measure
- Prevalence of grey hound wagering in Oregon
- Online wagering companies
- Wagering is on races occurring out of state

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Racing Commission licenses, regulates, and supervises all race meets in Oregon, and has sole discretion whether a meet is licensed. It has the authority to cooperate with racing commissions or boards in other jurisdictions, and other racing organizations, to enforce laws regulating racing. It is composed of five members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

A Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub (Hub) is a business that conducts pari-mutuel wagering on the races that it simulcasts, and other races that it carries in its wagering menu, through a qualified subscriber- based service. Pari-mutuel wagering is a game in which individuals wager against other individuals in a pool. Therefore, the wagers are pooled, and the winnings are shared equally amongst the individuals who placed the winning bets, after the house fees are deducted.

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