

SB 855 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

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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 impact: Minimal Impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 22; Nays, 6

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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.