

SB 857 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure provides confidentiality for persons who report potential violations of racing laws or rules to the Oregon Racing Commission and makes the identity information exempt from public record disclosure requirements, unless the person chooses to waive confidentiality.

Fiscal impact: Minimal impact

Revenue impact: Minimal impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 19; Nays, 9

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How will the tip line be shared with the public
- Confidential complaints
- Misuse of the complaint system
- The process following a tip
- Public record requests

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. ORS 462.270 also directs the commission to prepare and promulgate rules governing race meets and public training tracks consistent with public health, safety, welfare, humane practices, and any other matter pertaining to the good conduct of racing. For example, OAR 462-130-0010 sets rules to protect the safety humans and animals in race meets. 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 commission cannot guarantee anonymity of persons providing information regarding potential violations, however.