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**To:** Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
**From:** Ben Ruef, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** May 22, 2025  
**Subject:** SB 853 – Relating to Oregon Racing Commission license fees  
Work Session Recommendations

SB 853 increases the maximum license fees that the Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) may charge for various license types including vendors, public training track operators, veterinarians, and multi-jurisdictional wagering hubs. Specifically, the bill raises the individual license fee cap from \$30 to \$150 per year and increases the daily operating fee for wagering hubs from \$200 to \$225. Oregon's current fees are significantly lower than those in Washington and California and have not changed in 24 years.

If enacted, the Commission intends to implement a tiered fee structure based on professional roles within the industry, with two-year license fees ranging from \$75 to \$175. The proposed individual license fee increase is expected to raise ORC Other Funds revenue from \$81,920 to \$224,325 per biennium, an increase of \$142,450. The increase in wagering hub fees is projected to generate an additional \$127,750 in Other Funds revenue. In total, the planned fee changes are estimated to generate \$270,200 per biennium and will support the agency's ability to maintain its current service level. These estimated revenue increases are assumed in the Commission's budget bill, HB 5035.

### Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 853 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION:** I move SB 853 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

### Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: