

SB 856 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Walters

House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

Action Date: 04/29/25

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 8-0-2-0

Yeas: 8 - Chaichi, Chotzen, Gomberg, Neron, Osborne, Sosa, Wallan, Walters

Exc: 2 - Cate, Reschke

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/22, 4/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure permits officers or employees of the Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) to place a bet or wager on a race meet held under the supervision of the ORC in the course of carrying out official auditing duties.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The prohibition on wagering by officers and employees
- What official auditing duties are

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) consists of five members and is responsible for licensing, regulating, and supervising all race meets held in Oregon. The ORC is also required to have the various places where race meets are held to be visited and inspected at least one each fiscal year. A "race meet" is defined as any exhibition of animal racing where the mutual system is used in conjunction with any race. According to a 2023 report by the Oregon Audits Division of the Oregon Secretary of State, the ORC has broad authority over animal racing and wagering in Oregon, which includes live, simulcast, and historical races.

Senate Bill 856 A permits officers or employees of the Oregon Racing Commission to place a bet or wager on a race meet held under the supervision of the ORC in the course of carrying out official auditing duties.