

SB 855 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Chotzen

House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

Action Date: 05/01/25

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 8-1-1-0

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

Nays: 1 - Cate

Exc: 1 - Reschke

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/22, 5/1

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Who determines crop violations
- Disciplinary processes when a violation occurs and criteria for fines
- Where funds from fines go
- The Board of Stewards
- Data on fines for previous years

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.