

**SB 853 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Watanabe

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Action Date:** 05/30/25

**Action:** Do Pass.

**House Vote**

**Yeas:** 9 - Bowman, Drazan, Gomberg, Levy E, Owens, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith G, Valderrama

**Exc:** 3 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Evans

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 10 - Anderson, Bonham, Broadman, Frederick, Lieber, Manning Jr, McLane, President Wagner, Smith DB, Sollman

**Exc:** 2 - Campos, Girod

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/22, 5/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Increases the maximum amount of certain license fees charged by the Oregon Racing Commission. Takes effect on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact of the bill

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 462.020 (2) lists individuals required to obtain a license issued the Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) to hold a race meet. Under this measure, the maximum fee for this license increases from \$30 to \$150 per year.

ORS 462.725 (3) specifies that all employees working in Oregon and all officers of any Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs located and operating in Oregon must obtain a license from ORC prior to the commencement of business or employment. Under this measure, the maximum fee for this license increases from \$30 to \$150 per year.

ORC collects Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub license fees (ORS 462.725 (4)). The maximum fee for this license increases from \$200 to \$225 per operating day under this measure. While some portion of ORC revenues from pari-mutuel wagering is sent to the General Fund, the fees in this measure are not part of such revenues.