

# House Bill 3332

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act changes the uses of certain moneys that the ORC receives from racing hubs. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.1).

Modifies the uses for certain moneys received by the Oregon Racing Commission from Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs. Requires entities that receive distributions of such moneys to expend the moneys and report on the expenditures within a certain time period. Provides for clawback if a recipient fails to expend the moneys or report on expenditures. Provides that moneys that are clawed back be deposited in a fund for horse and jockey safety. Provides that certain moneys that the commission does not expend within a fiscal biennium are deposited in the fund.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to horse racing; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 462.725.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 462.725 is amended to read:

5 462.725. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Oregon Racing Commission  
6 may adopt rules to:

7 (a) License and regulate all phases of operation of Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Inter-  
8 active Wagering Totalizator Hubs located in Oregon; and

9 (b) Authorize and license Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator  
10 Hubs to conduct simulcast broadcasting of, and mutuel wagering on, animal races, including previ-  
11 ously held races on which mutuel wagering is lawful in Oregon.

12 (2) In addition to the other rules of operation adopted by the commission, the commission shall  
13 adopt a rule setting the amount that may be taken from the gross receipts of the multi-jurisdictional  
14 mutuel system.

15 (3) All employees working in Oregon and all officers of any Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting  
16 and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs located and operating in Oregon must obtain a license  
17 from the commission prior to the commencement of business or employment. The commission shall  
18 adopt rules establishing license fees for the employees and officers, not to exceed \$30 per year.

19 (4) Payments to be made to the commission include:

20 (a) Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub license fee not  
21 more than \$200 per operating day.

22 (b) Not more than one percent of total gross receipts of mutuel wagering recorded by the  
23 totalizator system.

24 (5) *[Of the]* Moneys received by the commission under subsection (4)(b) of this section **shall be**  
25 **expended as follows, subject to section 3 of this 2025 Act:[,]**

26 (a) **10 percent shall be retained by the commission and may be used for operating ex-**  
27 **penses, for safety initiatives or to support the horse racing industry in Oregon;**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       **(b) 15 percent shall be distributed in equal shares to the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners**  
 2 **and Breeders Association, the Oregon Quarter Horse Association and the Oregon**  
 3 **Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association to be used to support the horse racing**  
 4 **industry in Oregon; and**

5       **(c) 75 percent shall be distributed by the commission for the benefit of the Oregon pari-**  
 6 **mutuel racing industry pursuant to rules adopted by the commission.** *[25 percent shall be paid*  
 7 *to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund and 75 percent shall be retained by the com-*  
 8 *mission. The commission may adopt rules under which the moneys retained by the commission may be*  
 9 *distributed for the benefit of the Oregon pari-mutuel racing industry.]*

10       (6) Wagers on previously held races authorized under subsection (1) of this section are subject  
 11 to the provisions of ORS 462.157.

12       (7) A Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub licensee may  
 13 establish an account for wagering on greyhound racing for an individual unless wagering on live  
 14 greyhound racing is unlawful in the jurisdiction of the individual’s principal residence.

15       **SECTION 2. Sections 3 and 4 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 462.700**  
 16 **to 462.740.**

17       **SECTION 3. (1)(a) Before distributing moneys under ORS 462.725 (5)(b) and (c), the**  
 18 **Oregon Racing Commission shall enter into agreements with the recipients that contain the**  
 19 **following provisions:**

20       **(A) Within 24 months of receiving the moneys, a recipient must both expend the moneys**  
 21 **and provide a detailed report to the commission on how the moneys were expended.**

22       **(B) If any of the moneys are unexpended within 24 months of receipt, or if a recipient**  
 23 **fails to the report to the commission on an expenditure within 24 months of receipt, any**  
 24 **amounts unexpended or for which an expenditure report is not made must be returned to the**  
 25 **commission.**

26       **(b) Moneys returned to the commission under paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection must**  
 27 **be deposited in the Horse Racing Safety Fund established under section 4 of this 2025 Act.**

28       **(2) Moneys retained by the commission under ORS 462.725 (5)(a) must be expended by the**  
 29 **commission during the fiscal biennium in which they are received by the commission. Any**  
 30 **such moneys that are not expended by the end of the fiscal biennium must be deposited in**  
 31 **the Horse Racing Safety Fund established under section 4 of this 2025 Act.**

32       **SECTION 4. The Horse Racing Safety Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate**  
 33 **and distinct from the General Fund. The Horse Racing Safety Fund consists of all moneys**  
 34 **credited to the fund, including moneys deposited to the fund under section 3 of this 2025 Act**  
 35 **and moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly. Moneys in**  
 36 **the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Racing Commission to carry out initi-**  
 37 **atives related to horse and jockey safety.**

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