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Oregon is one of only two states that licenses Advance Deposit Wagering companies. ADW companies accept millions of dollars in internet bets on dog races held around the world. A majority of all internet bets made nationwide on dog races are processed through the Oregon hub system.

- A small amount of greyhound betting also occurs at Oregon off-track betting parlors.
- The Oregon legislature prohibited greyhound racing in 2022 due to animal welfare concerns. The last operational track, Multnomah Greyhound Park, closed in 2004.

House Bill 3020 is a common sense proposal

- House Bill 3020, filed at the request of Governor Tina Kotek for the Oregon Racing Commission, will prohibit all gambling on dog races including the processing of ADW wagers.
- Ending Oregon's involvement in greyhound racing will have no impact on horse racing or other activities. In 2023, only 1.3% of all ADW gambling was on dog races.

Greyhound racing is cruel and inhumane

- Racing greyhounds endure lives of confinement and many suffer serious injuries. According to the Oregon Racing Commission, in 2023 there were 10,542 greyhounds injured at racetracks that use the Oregon ADW hub system. There were also numerous animal welfare violations documented at these tracks, including cases of "failure to provide adequate care" to greyhounds, "misconduct at a racetrack," multiple cases of individuals "striking a greyhound," dozens of greyhound drug positives including for anabolic steroids, race fixing, and illegal underage gambling.
- A recent eighteen-month investigation revealed a multi-state conspiracy of cruelty in which rabbits are mauled to death during standard training practices for greyhounds.

Greyhound racing is a dying industry

- Greyhound racing is illegal in 43 states, and now exists at only two tracks in West Virginia where it is heavily subsidized. The company that owns the final tracks, Delaware North, has stated it wants to end racing.
- Five states (Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire) have outlawed betting on dog races since 2022. A federal bill to prohibit greyhound wagering was introduced in the last Congress and had 80 bipartisan co-sponsors, including Congresswomen Andrea Salinas and Lori Chavez-DeRemer.
- Betting on greyhound races in the Oregon ADW system declined by 38% between 2021 and 2023. Three ADW companies that are licensed in Oregon have discontinued greyhound wagering since 2022, including leading company ODS

Technologies. Similarly, in 2024 dog race betting at Oregon off-track betting parlors declined by 16.5% compared to the previous year.