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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 Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW). 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. House Bill 3020 would bring an end to this and all other methods of gambling on dog races.

As we all know, greyhound racing is cruel and inhumane. The dogs 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. This is unacceptable.

Moreover, greyhound racing is a dying industry – it is illegal in 43 states. Five states (Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire) have outlawed betting on dog races since 2022. Let's add Oregon to this list and pass House Bill 3020!

Thank you for your consideration.