CONSOLIDATED OREGON

April 14, 2025

RE: COIN Testimony in Support of HB 3020 A

Dear Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Bonham, and Members of the SEnate Committee on Labor and Business, Senators Hayden, Patterson, and Pham,

I am writing on behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network - COIN - in strong support of HB 3020 A. This bill would stop betting in Oregon on cruel dog racing, including thru Advance Deposit Wagering hubs, regardless of where the race occurs. This bill has strong bipartisan support to stop the licensing of ADW companies that facilitate gambling on dog racing.

COIN is made up of Indivisible groups from across Oregon and works, part, to influence legislation that promotes values shared by Oregonians and their families. The animal abuses in dog racing are well-documented, and Oregonians and folks across the country have acted to end this cruel and inhumane practice. Oregon law prohibits dog racing and the last dog racing track, Multnomah Greyhound Park, closed in 2004. In fact, there are only 2 remaining dog racing tracks in the U.S., both in West Virginia.

<u>https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/118187</u> Yet, Oregon remains a hub for gambling on dog racing where it is legal, particularly internationally, and helps enable and support a cruel and inhumane practice that Oregonians don't want in our state.

https://www.wweek.com/news/2024/02/14/lawmakers-grapple-with-oregons-enabling-animal-cru elty-in-greyhound-racing/ HB 3020 A would, consistent with our values, end Oregon's role in such animal cruelty.

Please support HB 3020 A.

Laura Allen, On behalf of Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network - COIN