



HUMANE VOTERS | OREGON

Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on House Bill 3020
Senate Committee on Labor and Business

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Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Bonham, and Members of the Committee:

Humane Voters Oregon is a nonprofit organization that works in Oregon's political process and elections to promote the humane treatment of animals. We are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Voters Oregon supports House Bill 3020 as amended.

House Bill 3020 would provide in part: "No person may wager money or any other thing of value on the outcome of a greyhound race or other dog race, or accept or facilitate such wagering, regardless of the location at which the race takes place." (Section 2.)

The reason for HB 3020 is simple: gambling on dog racing supports and enables dog racing, which leads to inhumane treatment of the dogs involved. As documented in other written testimony, including the testimony of Grey2K USA, the dogs endure long periods of confinement, physical abuse, doping and injuries on the track. Because of this, 43 states have banned dog racing, which Oregon finally did in 2022 (SB 1504).

However, Oregon has a complex system of state-sanctioned gambling on animal races through the Oregon Racing Commission, which has made Oregon a major hub for betting on dog races all over the world. See N. Jaquiss, [Lawmakers Grapple With Oregon's Enabling Animal Cruelty in Greyhound Racing](#), Willamette Week (Feb. 14, 2024). By facilitating betting on dog races, Oregon has continued to enable dog racing, and the associated mistreatment of the dogs, even though dog racing is banned here. That should change.

The only arguments against HB 3020 are that some businesses make money by accepting bets on dog races and some people enjoy watching and betting on dog races as a social activity. However, those interests do not justify the animal suffering that occurs in the dog racing industry.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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