STAFF ANALYSIS

DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD ON WHETHER TO ELECT TO COLLECT AND REMIT FEES ON BEHALF OF THE HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY AUTHORITY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027.

Regular Board Meeting
November 18, 2026

ISSUE

Whether to elect to collect and remit fees on behalf of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority ("Authority") for calendar year 2027.

BACKGROUND

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. Sec. 3051, et seq.) ("the Act") establishes a funding mechanism under which each state racing commission is responsible for funding its proportionate share of the Act's programs. California Business and Professions Code section 19440.1 authorizes the California Horse Racing Board to collect and remit fees on behalf of the Authority.

If a state racing commission does not elect to remit fees on behalf of the Authority, the Authority will be responsible for collecting fees from covered persons and entities, and the state racing commission may not impose or collect fees related to anti-doping and medication control or racetrack safety matters for covered horseraces. (15 U.S.C. 3052(f)(3)(D)).

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to the Board for discussion and action.