

REVENUE: Revenue impact issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Be Adopted and Be Referred to the Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules by prior reference
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boquist, Cowan, Schaufler, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Scott
Prepared By:	Jim Keller, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Amends the Oregon Constitution to dedicate a portion of net proceeds of the State Lottery for services for Oregon veterans. Refers the proposed amendment to the people for their approval or rejection at a special election held on the same date as the next primary election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED: None

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendments.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Lottery was created in 1984 by a vote of the people of Oregon. Lottery dollars were designated at the time to help strengthen Oregon's economy and to create jobs. In 1995, Oregonians voted to allow lottery profits to help finance public education, and in 1998 Oregonians voted to direct 15 percent of all Lottery profits to fund parks and salmon habitats.

House Joint Resolution 38 proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution dedicating two percent of the net proceeds from the Lottery to a veteran's benefit fund. The Office of the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs would be authorized to use the fund to provide services to Oregon veterans. If approved by the voters, the constitutional amendment would be effective July 1, 2009.