

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

**Prepared By:** Dana Richardson, Administrator

**Meeting Dates:** 4/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits siting a casino in an incorporated city unless that city and adjacent cities' electors approve. Exempts tribal casinos including those conducted under Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and federal regulations. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Non-tribal casinos in Oregon
- Initiative to change Oregon Constitution and allow non-tribal casinos
- Funding of initiative campaign
- Requirement for elector approval of other types of developments
- Number of tribal casinos
- Economic impact on tribes if private casinos are permitted
- Tribal contributions to their communities

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires electors in cities adjacent to city where casino is located to approve of casino siting. Adds casinos conducted under Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and federal regulations to definition of tribal casinos.

**BACKGROUND:** Article XV, Section 4(12) of the Oregon Constitution prohibits casinos from operating in Oregon. Casino gaming by Tribes is permitted as an economic development tool supported by federal policy and statutes related to Indian self-determination. Regulation of Indian gaming was established by Congress in 1988 with passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

This bill arose out of the purchase by two individuals of the Multnomah Kennel Club. Those individuals are planning a 2008 initiative drive to amend the Oregon Constitution and Oregon Revised Statutes to allow them to operate a single private casino in Oregon on this property. This bill would require that such a casino siting be approved or rejected through an election of the city where the casino would be located and adjacent cities.