

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Barker, Bonamici, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Read, Whisnant, Macpherson
Nays:	Cameron
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Bill Taylor, Counsel
Meeting Dates:	5/29, 5/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits locating a casino in a city without the approval of the electors of that city. Exempts tribal casinos operated pursuant to Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and federal regulations. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Tribal casinos are subject to federal regulation
- Should the matter be referred to the voters of the city where the casino is to be located
- Proposed state initiative
- Amendments return bill to its original form

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Prohibits locating a casino in a city without the approval of the electors of that city. Requires the governing body of the city to submit the question to the electors of the city.

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. However, federal law, pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act enacted in 1988, allows tribal operation of casinos in states that allow gambling, as Oregon does with its lottery.

This bill arose out of the purchase by two individuals of the Multnomah Kennel Club in Wood Village. They 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.