

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Oregon Lottery Commission to notify the State Court Administrator of any lottery winners who have delinquent accounts. Requires notice before releasing any prize greater than \$600. Prioritizes delinquent child support obligations over delinquent court accounts. Declares an emergency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Prioritizing funds
- Possible effect on child support collection
- Alternative collection options
- Costs associated with checking debt history
- Use of Social Security numbers as a cross reference

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current law, ORS 461.715, requires the Oregon Lottery Commission to notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) about prizes awarded that exceed \$600 when winners are delinquent in paying child support obligations. The Commission is required to cross check the names of such winners against a list maintained by the DOJ. If a name matches, the Commission withholds payment of the prize for thirty days, allowing the DOJ to begin garnishment proceedings. If no proceedings are begun, the Commission must release the prize after thirty days, or upon receipt of notice from the DOJ. This measure leaves that procedure in place.

This measure, originally proposed as Section 5 of HB 2320 (2007), requires the Commission to follow this same procedure regarding delinquent amounts owing to a state court or to any other agency of the state judicial branch. The Commission must report this information, if discovered, to the State Court Administrator.

Previous revenue estimates project that the bill will increase revenue by \$15,600 a month or \$374,400 a biennium. The cost of administering the proposed program is projected to be \$107,000 the first biennium, falling to \$39,000 in 2011-2013.

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