

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

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Meeting Dates:	6/10, 6/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases amusement device tax from \$10 to \$20 to fund the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. Stipulates moneys may only be distributed to OYCC if the corps develops and implements an outreach plan to recruit and retain corps participants. Requires the corps to report to the Legislative Assembly by February 1, 2010 on demographic data about corps participants, efforts made to recruit and retain eligible youth, and obstacles to participation by eligible youth. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, and to taxes due for amusement devices that begin operating on or after July 1, 2010.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amounts of funds used for operating Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) programs
- Demographics of corps participants
- Other organizations with similar objectives as the OYCC

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes language explicitly requiring that money appropriated to the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development be used to pay OYCC expenses. Stipulates moneys may only be distributed to OYCC if the corps develops and implements an outreach plan to recruit and retain corps participants. Requires the corps to report to the Legislative Assembly by February 1, 2010 on demographic data about corps participants, efforts made to recruit and retain eligible youth, and obstacles to participation by eligible youth.

BACKGROUND: An “amusement device” is defined as a video lottery game terminal, including mechanical and/or electronic devices that display tickets through the use of a video display screen; play when a consumer pays consideration; determine winners through the element of chance; and display possible prizes (ORS 320.005(1)).

The Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) was established by the Legislative Assembly to protect, conserve, rehabilitate and improve the natural, historical and cultural resources of Oregon; and to increase educational, training and employment opportunities for youth, for the purpose of improving work skills, instilling a work ethic and increasing employability. Corps members work on projects such as: construction of trails, boat docks, disability access ramps, fences and picnic tables; restoration/preservation of wetlands, stream banks, endangered species and other wildlife habitat, and historical and cultural sites; and plantings, water quality testing, removing nonnative plants and weeds, watershed work, managing nurseries, landscaping, mapping, surveying and recycling and community stewardship projects. OYCC has a nine-member Advisory Committee, comprised of three members appointed by the Governor, three appointed by the Senate President and three appointed by the House Speaker.

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