

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

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Yeas: Burdick, Metsger, Devlin

Nays: Atkinson, Ferrioli

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Meeting Dates: 6/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases amount of amusement tax to fund Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. (OYCC). Applies to tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2010. Establishes that moneys received from tax on amusement devices may be distributed to OYCC only if corps develops and implements outreach plan to recruit and retain corps participants. Requires OYCC to report to the Legislative Assembly by February 1, 2010.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC)
- Community improvement and outreach projects of OYCC
- Intervention for at-risk youth
- Improving access to education, vocational training, and employment for at-risk youth
- Use of lottery funds for education
- Change in lottery revenues

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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 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.