

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Finance and Revenue

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0

Yeas: George, Schrader, Starr, Verger, Metsger

Nays: -

Exc.: -

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Meeting Dates: 4/6, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the number of video lottery terminals that may be placed on premises of race meet licensees from 10 to 20.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Economic effect of lottery games on horsebreeding industry
- Future of horse racing industry in Oregon
- Social and economic impact of the expansion of lottery games
- Definition of “casino”

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Increases in the number of video lottery terminals to 20.

BACKGROUND: Oregon’s state lottery started in 1985, and video lottery first being offered in 1992. The lottery is expected to contribute more than \$1 billion in revenue to the State of Oregon in the coming biennium. Video lottery terminals must be placed in establishments licensed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) and only in that part of the premises posted by the OLCC as being closed to minors. With the exception of race meet licensees, the maximum number of terminals that may be placed at any single establishment is six. Currently, race meet licensees are allowed ten terminals and there is one race meet licensee with video lottery terminals (Portland Meadows).