2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 779 **STATUS:** Original
SUBJECT: Increases the number of video lottery terminals at Portland Meadows racetrack.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Racing Commission
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EXPENDITURES:
See Comments

REVENUES:
See Comments

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: Current law states that no more than 10 video lottery game terminals may be placed on the premises of a race meet licensee that qualifies as a video lottery game retailer. This measure increases the number of terminals to 40. Currently, Portland Meadows racetrack is the only race meet licensee licensed.

The revenue impact is indeterminate. The terminals currently at Portland Meadows racetrack average more revenue per terminal than the statewide average. Oregon State Lottery notes that the addition of 30 more terminals may only spread existing usage over more terminals and not necessarily increase usage or increase the amount of revenue generated. Oregon State Lottery also notes that the concentration of 40 terminals at one location may reduce video lottery game terminal usage from other retailers in the surrounding area. Any affect on Lottery revenue as a result of this measure will have a budgetary effect on the Lottery Funds available to fund public education, economic development, state parks, salmon habitat restoration, and problem gambling prevention.