

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Adoption, Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bailey, Bentz, Boone, Thompson, Witt, Cannon, Gilliam
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Krieger
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Meeting Dates:	2/22, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Amends Oregon Constitution to establish percentage of Oregon Lottery net proceeds to be contributed to Parks and Natural Resources Fund at 15 percent for biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and for each subsequent biennium, lesser of 15 percent or result of formula. Grants Legislature authority to authorize expenditure diversions from Fund and sets forth conditions under which those expenditures may be authorized. Revises from 65 to 58 the percentage of funds in natural resources subaccount that must be appropriated in each biennium to one state agency to be distributed as grants. Permits use of funds in parks subaccount and natural resources subaccount for costs of administering grants. Requires special election on November 4, 2034 in which people of Oregon will decide whether or not constitutional amendments proposed by measure will continue in effect.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of lottery funds to natural resource agency budgets
- Negotiating history of Ballot Measure 76
- Aspects of Ballot Measure 76 that would be amended by House Joint Resolution 29
- Economic effects, including job creation and tourism, of restoration projects

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Ballot Measure 76 (BM 76), adopted in November 2010, removed the sunset on the provision allocating 15 percent of net lottery proceeds to the Parks and Natural Resources Fund, which is divided into a parks subaccount and a natural resources subaccount. BM 76 also established minimum amounts that must be distributed from each subaccount as grants to local entities. House Joint Resolution 29 would make further changes to the Fund, including the amount allocated to the Fund from lottery proceeds; the ability to transfer, reallocate, or appropriate money in the Fund for other uses related to parks and natural resources; and the percentage of funds in the natural resources subaccount allocated to grants.