

**TESTIMONY OF DANIEL MEEK ON HB 4083:
TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY TO MITIGATE THE PUBLIC HARMS OF
STATE-SPONSORED GAMBLING IN OREGON**

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The Oregon Progressive Party supports HB 4083 and recommends making it stronger.

There is no question that today the Oregon State Lottery contributes to "problem gambling" in Oregon. The Oregon Progressive Party opposes government victimization of residents in order to fill State coffers.

HB 4083 is a step toward having the promoters of state-owned gambling recognize and begin to mitigate the devastation it causes to Oregonians and their families.

We recommend, however, striking the words "At the request of the Director of the Oregon State Lottery" at the beginning of Section 3(1). This makes the bill's mandate for a "comprehensive policy to mitigate the public harms associated with lottery games, marketing practices and retail regulations" dependent upon a request from the Director--a request that may never come.