



MEASURE: HB 2008
 EXHIBIT: 14
 H BUSINESS & LABOR
 DATE: 3-20-2013 PAGES: 2
 SUBMITTED BY: Ron Schmidt

March 20, 2013

The House Committee on Business and Labor
 Attn: Representative Margaret Doherty, Chair
 Representatives Brent Barton & Bill Kennemer, Vice-Chairs
 Representatives Shemia Fagan, Tim Freeman, Paul Holvey, Greg Matthews, Kim Thatcher, Jim Thompson,
 Jim Weidner, and Brad Witt
 Oregon State Capital
 900 Court Street NE
 Room 453
 Salem, OR 97301

HB 2008

Good Morning. I am Ron Schmidt and I am a 26 year resident of Hayden Island and of Jantzen Beach
 Moorage which is the homeowners group of 177 families next door - directly adjacent- to the casino
 operations referred to as Lottery Row. I am an active member of the North Portland Neighborhood Chairs
 Network and I am the Chair of the City of Portland authorized neighborhood association, the Hayden Island
 Neighborhood Network, known as HINooN.

HINooN, on behalf of the citizens in North Portland, supports HB 2008 and urge you to pass it. The North
 Portland Neighborhood Chairs Network representing over 40,000 residents in North Portland supports us in
 this effort.

Our community of over two thousand residents and hundreds of businesses has been sorely affected by a
 perfect storm of outside influences and events. Instead of being a beautiful and welcoming entry into the
 City of Portland and the great State of Oregon, we have been reduced to the level of a crime filled border
 town.

We have seen the out of state profiteers come into our neighborhood and take our only community retail
 core and turn it into a life support system for the lottery machines that generate the profits some of which
 are sent out of the state.

We have seen the OR Liquor Control Commission and the Oregon Lottery do little with the enforcement
 tools they currently have until the last few months given the publicity and the effort by the Portland Police.

We have seen the overall crime go down on our island yet dramatically escalate within one thousand feet of
 Lottery Row. While the casino owners once argued cause and effect, the Portland Police and North

Precinct Commander Mike Leloff are certain about the attraction, Lottery Row. Crimes recently associated with Lottery Row include a gun fight with serious injuries and a homicide.

We have had these profiteers appear at our neighborhood association meetings with high profile attorneys and political and PR experts all funded by our lottery dollars. You will likely hear from these hired guns today. You will hear this morning from residents who took time from their jobs and their lives to testify. You will not hear from the thousands of residents who need your help but who cannot take the time from their jobs to make the journey here.

We strongly support the bill because it empowers the cities who are forced to handle enforcement issues with their own police forces. We support the bill because it gives the OLCC more power even though we question why a restaurant inspector has more enforcement power than the OLCC. And we support the bill because it has become clear during our tribulations that a voice from the law enforcement community needs to be on the OLC Commission just as much as a profiteer from the liquor industry.

Please pass HB 2008.

Sincerely,



Ronald Schmidt, Chair HINooN

Portland Mayor Charlie Hales MayorHales@portlandoregon.gov
Commissioner Steve Novick novick@portlandoregon.gov
State Representative Tina Kotek rep.tinakotek@state.or.us
State Representative Carolyn Tomei rep.carolyntomei@state.or.us
Senator Chip Shields sen.chipshields@state.or.us
Portland Police Commander Mike Leloff Mike.leloff@portlandoregon.gov
Theresa Marchetti, ONI Liquor Licensing theresa.marchetti@portlandoregon.gov
Sara Hussein, ONI Crime Prevention Coordinator sara.hussein@portlandoregon.gov
Andy Smith, City of Portland Andy.Smith@portlandoregon.gov