

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Gallegos, Gelser, Gilliam, Gomberg, Keny-Guyer, Olson, Whisnant, Whitsett, Tomei
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/15, 2/25, 3/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Alters how lottery proceeds are appropriated to Problem Gambling Treatment Fund.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Responsible Gambling
- Problem Gambling
- Data collection on persons addicted to gambling
- Strategies to maximize access to treatment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Modifies the method that lottery proceeds are allocated to the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund, from not less than one percent of the funds transferred to the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund each fiscal quarter, to one percent of moneys transferred beginning with the fifth fiscal quarter of the 2013-15 biennium, or one percent of the moneys transferred during the same fiscal quarter of the 2011-13 biennium, whichever is greater.

**BACKGROUND:** According to a 2009 update on gambling programs in Oregon, the economic costs of treatment and prevention of problem gambling are significant. This update reported the estimated cost of problem gamblers entering treatment was more than \$445 million per year for Oregonians. The average cost of treatment (for those completing treatment) was estimated at \$2961.20 per case, per year. From this treatment group, 12 months from the date of completion, about 86 percent of participants reported a reduction in gambling or complete abstention. House Bill 2355 A alters how lottery proceeds are appropriated for treatment purposes.