

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Esquivel, Fagan, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Matthews
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Elizabeth Edwards, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/21, 4/4, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes lottery raffle game. Instructs lottery raffle to have veteran-oriented theme or indicate proceeds of raffle benefit veterans' education and economic development. Provides that sales period for raffle tickets may include Veterans Day. Creates Veterans' Lottery Fund, separate and distinct from General Fund. Instructs Oregon State Lottery Commission (Commission) to record and account for costs and net proceeds of raffle. Requires Commission to certify net proceeds of raffle to Joint Committee on Ways and Means. Directs Legislative Assembly to allocate amount equal to net proceeds from raffle to Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to Veterans' Lottery Fund. Appropriates moneys from Veterans' Lottery Fund to Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs continuously. Begins veteran-themed lottery game(s) by January 2, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Concern with using lottery dollars to fund veterans' issues
- Average lottery player and problems with addiction
- Capturing non-traditional lottery players who support veterans
- Expanding lottery versus dedicating portion of existing lottery dollars
- Form of veteran-themed lottery game
- Possibility of dedicating percentage of lottery proceeds for greater stability
- Potential amendment to sunset bill at time dedicated percent of lottery allocated to veterans
- Slippery slope of carving up lottery funds for particular causes
- Flexible approach to ensure raffle sells out
- Bills passing out of committee that die for lack of funding
- Money to back up policies
- Potential eligibility for federal dollars with dedicated state funding
- Wasteful spending in military and instability in federal funding
- Reintegration difficulties, especially for members of Oregon National Guard
- Roles of state and federal Veterans' Affairs offices
- Veterans' distrust of government and opportunity to rebuild trust
- Intent to move bill that will become law
- Different population plays raffle games than lottery as a whole
- Intent that money from raffle be kept separate from any funds allocated as result of HJR 29

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure. Establishes lottery raffle game. Instructs lottery raffle to have veteran-oriented theme or indicate proceeds of raffle benefit veterans' education and economic development. Provides that sales period for raffle tickets may include Veterans Day. Creates Veterans' Lottery Fund, separate and distinct from General Fund. Instructs Oregon State Lottery Commission (Commission) to record and account for costs and net proceeds of raffle. Requires Commission to certify net proceeds of raffle to Joint Committee on Ways and Means. Directs Legislative Assembly to allocate amount equal to net proceeds from raffle to Administrative

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BACKGROUND: Tens of thousands of Oregonians served in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a result of their service, many of these veterans and their families sacrificed financial, economic, emotional and/or physical health and well-being. Transitioning back into civilian life can be difficult and funding for veterans' programs in Oregon has decreased. The Oregon Lottery has had ten different raffles, two per year, and all have sold out. No lottery games to date have gone to a specific dedicated funding source. House Bill 2086A creates a dedicated funding source for veterans' education, training and job creation via a raffle game.