

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Revenue and then 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
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Meeting Dates:	4/4, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution designating one percent of net proceeds from State Lottery be spent on veterans’ services, including but not limited to reintegration assistance, employment, education benefits and tuition, housing, health care, access to state and federal benefits, and services provided by county and campus veterans’ service officers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lack of funding to back up policies
- Calculation to reach five percent of net lottery proceeds
- Number of non-profits currently working with veterans in Oregon
- Opportunities to leverage federal dollars with dedicated state funding
- Ability to spend all five percent of net proceeds
- Wasteful spending in military and instability in federal funding
- Problems with reintegration, 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 succeed
- Intent of committee that housekeeping language from Treasurer be added in Ways and Means
- Importance of moving measure at one percent to improve chance of success
- Signature gathering effort for five percent of lottery net proceeds to continue
- Benefits to veterans from other lottery programs
- No effect on other lottery funds if five percent designated for veterans
- General misunderstanding by average Oregonian regarding how lottery funds actually spent
- High unemployment rates for young veterans
- Federal government not meeting its responsibilities and not state’s role to fill in

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes five percent of State Lottery net proceeds to one percent.

BACKGROUND: Presently, lottery funds are distributed as follows: 59 percent for schools, 25 percent for economic development, 7.5 percent for parks, 7.5 percent for salmon habitat and watershed management, and one percent for gambling addiction. A permanent dedication of five percent of lottery funds would come from discretionary funds and not impact other constitutionally dedicated funds. One percent of lottery net proceeds is approximately \$5 million per year and five percent is approximately \$26 million per year. House Joint Resolution 29 proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution allocating one percent of net proceeds to veterans’ services.

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