

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Tomei  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Steiner Hayward

**Revenue:** Revenue statement issued

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

**Vote:** 25 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays:

Exc: McLane

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 14, 2013

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies the method for determining the amount of lottery proceeds to be allocated to the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund. Current law allocates not less than one percent of the moneys transferred to the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund each fiscal quarter to the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund. Beginning with the fifth fiscal quarter of the 2013-15 biennium, this bill allocates either one percent of the moneys transferred to the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund in that fiscal quarter to the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund of the moneys transferred, or one percent of the of the moneys transferred to the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund during the same fiscal quarter of the 2011-13 biennium to the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund, whichever is greater.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact
- Need for more funding

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**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.