

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/02/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 03/10, 04/02

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Post, Williamson

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon State Lottery Commission to notify Department of Human Services of prize recipient's name, Social Security number, and other identifying information, within seven days of paying Lottery prize of \$1,250 or more. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Improving integrity of public assistance programs
- Some lottery winners may still receive assistance
- Notification process only
- Measure does not require hold or other action by Lottery or Department
- In-store payout of winnings of up to \$1,250.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Changes notification trigger from \$1,000 winning to \$1,250 winning.

BACKGROUND:

The 2014 Public Law 113-79, also known as The Farm Bill, requires states with gaming agencies to develop an agreement between the gaming agency and the administrator of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to notify the SNAP agency of winnings. This requirement was an effort to reduce the use of SNAP benefits by those who receive a windfall from lottery winnings.

House Bill 2394 A implements this requirement by requiring the Oregon State Lottery Commission to notify the Department of Human Services of the name, Social Security number, and any other identifying information of prize winners of \$1,250 or more. The notification must be sent within seven days of paying the award.