

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact, statement issued (Indeterminate Impact)

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**Action Date:** 06/01/15

**Action:** Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

**Meeting Dates:** 06/01

**Vote:**

Yeas: 3 - Girod, Monroe, Riley

Nays: 1 - Thomsen

Exc: 1 - Beyer

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates "Oregon State Lottery Responsible Gambling Code of Practices Act," as specified. Directs Oregon State Lottery Commission comply with gaming code.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Unique position of video poker and line games in Oregon lottery system
- Future lottery administrations

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In statute, the Oregon State Lottery is mandated to balance its obligation to maximize net revenues with its obligation to serve the public good. Games of chance that operate as lottery games are a popular form of entertainment. According to Oregon State Lottery polling, "Two-thirds of all adults gambled in some form during the previous year." It is widely acknowledged that for some individuals, gambling can be problematic and potentially an addiction. Lotteries are a means of raising revenue for state programs. In 2013-2015 the Lottery revenue was allocated as follows: 57 percent to public education; 27 percent to economic development and job creation; 15 percent to state parks and natural resources; and one percent for problem gambling treatment. Oregon State Lottery revenue, which is defined as administrative dollars, cannot be used to fund treatment of gambling addiction, pursuant to a 1994 Supreme Court ruling. Those funds can however be used to conduct research on the extent of gaming use, problem gambling and its treatment, and advertising.

House Bill 3318A establishes the "Oregon State Lottery Responsible Gambling Code of Practices," which outlines a variety of approaches to address problem gambling.