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Meeting Dates: 2/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the Oregon Lottery Commission to enter into agreement with Friends of the Fair and Rodeo Inc., to administer one or more raffles on behalf of or for this nonprofit organization. Allows Lottery Commission to receive payment for administering these raffles. Exempts the Friends of the Fair and Rodeo from requirement that operating expense not exceed 18 percent of raffle's annual handle. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Charitable, fraternal and religious organizations are allowed to conduct bingo or raffle games or Monte Carlo events if they are licensed to do so by the Oregon Department of Justice. A license is not necessary to conduct door prize drawings or if the handle is below the level prescribed in statute and rule. Existing statute (ORS 167.118) does not allow an organization to pay a person to administer raffles games for the organization. House Bill 4008 allows the Oregon Lottery Commission to receive payment for operating a raffle for the Friends of the Fair and Rodeo Inc., which is a nonprofit corporation based in Hermiston. The measure provides that the raffle administered by the Lottery Commission is deemed to be operated by Friends of the Fair and Rodeo, therefore regulations on raffles conducted by charitable organizations still apply to Friends of the Fair and Rodeo unless the measure specifically exempts them.