

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Action Date:** 02/17/16

**Action:** Be Adopted.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/17

**Vote:**

Yeas: 8 - Barnhart, Gilliam, Hoyle, Kennemer, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Huffman

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to require two percent of lottery revenues to be expended for benefit of veterans. Applies to biennia beginning on or after July 1, 2017. Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at 2016 General Election.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for additional resources to fund short and long-term needs for veterans
- Scope and types of service that could be used to provide resources to veterans
- Ongoing need, as veteran population now spans five generations
- Ability to leverage federal resources to engage
- Opportunity to improve outreach to veterans and their families
- Sacrifice made by members of military and their families

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The idea of dedicating some amount of Oregon State Lottery proceeds to benefit eligible resident veterans has been considered in several years and in a variety of forms, including proposals for veteran-specific lottery games and amendments to the state's constitution (most recently found in House Bill 2899 and House Joint Resolution 22 in 2015, and House Bill 2086 and House Joint Resolution 29 in 2013).

Other states have taken similar approaches as proposed in House Joint Resolution 202-A: Iowa dedicates a portion of its lottery proceeds for veterans; Washington, Kansas, Illinois and Texas have all developed lottery games specifically to benefit veterans; and Maryland locates particular machines that benefit veterans, where veterans congregate. Still more state legislatures continue to consider the idea, such as New York, Missouri, Vermont and Indiana.

HJR 202-A refers to the voters, the question of whether to amend the constitution to dedicate two percent of state lottery proceeds to benefit Oregon veterans.