

**HB 2154 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Business and Labor**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon Lottery Commission to employ three small business ombudsmen to answer questions and guide small businesses through application process and help resolve issues between small business owners and the Commission.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Business owners who wish to offer lottery games or provide video lottery game terminals on their premises must apply with the Oregon Lottery Commission to become a retailer or contractor. It may be a struggle for a business owner to understand the various requirements as they consider starting the application process or while they are in the process of completing an application. The House Special Committee on Small Business Growth listened to suggestions from small business owners throughout the 2016 interim. The Committee introduced a number of bills to reduce barriers small businesses encounter; House Bill 2154 is one of those bills. The measure directs the Lottery Commission to employ three small business ombudsmen to assist small business owners in their interactions with the Commission.