

Dear Representative Reschke,

I contacted your office earlier by phone to express some concerns relating to House Bill 2190 relating to the regulation of social gaming and its possible unintended consequences.

The bill appears to take into consideration the needs of fraternal and nonprofit social agencies like the Klamath Senior Center which rely heavily on funding from activities such as bingo and social card playing. I remain concerned however that those that crafted the bill truly understand how the many organizations (including some private entities) operate.

The Senior Center in Klamath has its own fundraising bingo for example, but it also hosts another group that gathers for card playing as well. They charge their members a fee each day of play, The management of such fees and exchange of proceeds varies between groups.

My biggest concern is that the opportunities for citizens to gather for social purposes may be restricted. Our mission here is to support any legitimate activities that provide opportunities to keep seniors connected with friends, family and the community. Social gaming plays a major role with many citizens in keeping them connected with others, not just for gambling but for the purpose of maintaining social connections.

I have a friend in the Portland area who moved some time ago from the Klamath area in order to seek the services he needs to support his disability. His social contacts rely significantly on social gaming opportunities. He has expressed much concern that the groups he plays with in the Portland area will be adversely affected if HB 2190 is passed as currently written.

Please assure that this bill does not move forward without all the facts taken into consideration and the opportunity for everyone affected to provide their testimony.

Sincerely,

Marc Kane
1855 Calhoun Street
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

[541-891-3288](tel:541-891-3288)