

HB 2358 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases bingo and lotto game prize limit from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Raises operating expense limit from 18 to 22 percent of gross gaming receipts. Increases hours games may operate and number of hours individual may administer games. Increases the number of days charitable games may be operated from three days a week to four. Makes technical changes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Under current Oregon law, charitable, fraternal, and religious organizations can be licensed by the Department of Justice to conduct bingo, lotto, and raffle games and Monte Carlo events. For bingo and lotto games, these organizations are allowed to award a monetary prize in an amount of up to \$2,500 per game.

House Bill 2358 A raises the allowable prize amount for charitable bingo and lotto games to \$5,000 per game. Additionally, HB 2358 A increases the gaming operating expense limit from 18 to 22 percent of an organization's annual handle. HB 2358 A also increases the number of hours a game may be operated to 20 per week, the number of hours a person may work operating the games to 40 per week, and the number of days gaming can be operated to four days per week. Finally, the bill makes technical fixes to current statutes regulating such games.