



OREGON COUNCIL
ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

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The Honorable Chuck Riley, Chair
Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability
Oregon Legislative Assembly
Salem, Oregon


RE: HB 2190 Social Gaming Regulation

The Oregon Council on Problem Gambling, an Affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling, maintains a neutral position on legalized gambling. Nonetheless, the issue of social gaming card rooms not adhering to the spirit and intent of ORS 167.121 is cause for concern.

The Council supports the efforts of HB 2190 to establish a standardized, statewide approach to ensuring that entities providing social card gaming do so in a manner that is consistent with ORS 167.121.

Additionally, the Council would also like to see language inserted that addresses a requirement to implement responsible gambling policies and procedures especially in entities that would offer social gaming on a frequent, or daily, basis.

Respectfully,


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