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Please vote NO/NAY on Senate Bill 2190. The Oregon cardrooms don't get money off of the tables - they charge a small entry fee & rely on concessions, similar to paintball arenas & movie theaters. The public poker games & tournaments are social & consist of friendly rivalry. Adult citizens focus their mental skills to compete against other visitors in the games - some luck involved, of course, but a lot of skill, too. Non-house-involved poker, as for example, in Portland-area cardrooms, is not your stereotypical us-versus-them gambling environment, e.g., Vegas.

Studies have shown that older players (seniors) have even gained healthy mental benefits, e.g., improved/sustained focus acuity & brain function.

We Oregonians have the right to pursue happiness & freedoms, without unreasonable government restraint. Don't believe it when someone claims that poker cardrooms are causing a non-addicted person to transform into an addict to poker, ~ there is no evidence of that. Please don't take the side of greedy casinos & take away our fun poker pastime. They want to kill competition.

With government's financial shortfalls for services, the Legislature should be taxing poker and not shutting it down. Passing this bill WILL kill jobs & steal money from the many Oregonians employed to assist free adults enjoying the poker pastime.

Thanks,
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