

HB 2358 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Raises bingo and lotto game prize limit from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Increases hours games may operate and number of hours individual may administer games. Makes technical changes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Increases the number of days charitable games may be operated from three days a week to four.

BACKGROUND:

Under current Oregon law, charitable, fraternal, and religious organization 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 raises the allowable prize amount for charitable bingo and lotto games to \$5,000 per game. HB 2358 also increases the number of hours a game may be operated to 20 per week and the number of hours a person may work operating the games to 40 per week. Finally, the bill makes technical fixes to current statutes regulating such games.