



THE NONPROFIT  
ASSOCIATION OF  
OREGON

Testimony of James White Executive Director, Nonprofit Association of Oregon  
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The Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO) supports the passage of HB 2358.

NAO is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization representing over 1,450 Oregon nonprofit organizations and affiliate members which provide assistance to the nonprofit sector. Our members are located throughout the state and come from all areas which serve our communities, including education, health and human services, the arts, and environmental protection. NAO's mission is to strengthen the collective voice, leadership and capacity of Oregon nonprofits to enrich the lives of all Oregonians. We do this by conducting training, offering executive transition and consulting services, and public policy advocacy. More information about our many programs and services can be found at [www.nonprofitoregon.org](http://www.nonprofitoregon.org).

The public, private, and the nonprofit sector work together throughout Oregon to create and maintain our vibrant civil society. We elevate our communities and we address the unmet needs of our citizens together. The nonprofit sector is well aware of how precious resources are to our communities. Our more than 1,450 members, and the vast majority of nonprofits, acknowledge their responsibility to be good stewards of the resources they receive through their tax-exempt status, whether those assets are obtained from government contracts, foundation grants, donations directly from the giving public or gaming programs that they are allowed to run for fundraising purposes. Oregon nonprofits accomplish incredible achievements with limited resources and despite increase demand for services in times of constrained budgets.

We support the update to Oregon Revised Statutes through the passage of HB2358 with modest increases to existing statutory caps, including raising prize limits from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and increasing the amount of permitted administrative expenses from 18% to 22% of annual handle (gross gaming receipts.) Further, we believe that HB2358 would make necessary changes to the allowable time employees can work (to work up to 40 hours a week administering or operating games, up from the current 30-hour) easing the current restrictions.

For all of the above reasons, NAO supports the passage of HB 2358 as drafted.