REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

79th Oregon Legislative Assembly 2017 Regular Session Legislative Revenue Office Bill Number: SB 251

Economist:

Revenue Area: Income Tax

Date: 2-17-2017

Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed Versions are Considered Official

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Measure Description:

Decreases amount of lottery prize payment above which Oregon State Lottery Commission must withhold personal income tax for payment to Department of Revenue.

Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):

	Fiscal Year		Biennium		
	2017-18	2018-19	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
General Fund	\$0.81	\$0.81	\$2.44	\$3.26	\$3.26

Impact Explanation:

The measure would reduce the threshold at which 8 percent of lottery prizes are withheld from \$5,000 to \$1,500. Tax compliance rates on lottery winnings from \$1,500 to \$5,000 are approximately 40 percent. Automatic withholding would increase those compliance rates and increase revenue. In FY 2016, a total of \$50.9 million in lottery prizes was awarded between the amounts of \$1,500 and \$5,000. At 8 percent withholding, the measure would result in \$4.07 million withheld on those prizes. If 40 percent of this amount was previously unrecovered, the additional revenue from this measure is \$1.63 million per year. The measure takes effect for tax year 2018.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes \square No \boxtimes

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