

SB 194- Gambling Losses

Chair Hass and Members of the Committee

Since 2001 the Oregon Women's Rights Coalition has continually advocated for revenues to support programs that serve women and children in Oregon.

We believe that sensible tax reform should serve the citizens of Oregon rather than tax policies that serve only one small segment of the population.

Therefore, OWRC supports the concept that gambling losses should not receive a special tax treatment for those Oregonians who have both earnings and losses from gambling.

It is our understanding that this bill might have intended to be only for the professional gambler, however the addition back on Oregon taxes of losses subtracted on Federal income should be applied to everyone for whom the Federal provision applies.

Oregon needs to provide for our citizens and women and children deserve stable programs and policies.

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