House Bill 2288

Sponsored by Representative WITT (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Requires that percentage of net lottery proceeds from sports betting games be applied against unfunded actuarial liability of Public Employees Retirement System.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to revenues from sports betting; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 461.010.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 461.010 is amended to read:

461.010. Unless the context requires otherwise, the definitions contained in this chapter shall govern the construction of this chapter.

(1) “Commissioner” means one of the members of the lottery commission appointed by the Governor pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Oregon and this chapter to oversee the state lottery.

(2) “Director” means the Director of the Oregon State Lottery appointed by the Governor pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Oregon and this chapter as the chief administrator of the Oregon State Lottery.

(3) “Lottery” or “state lottery” means the Oregon State Lottery established and operated pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Oregon and this chapter.

(4) “Lottery commission” or “commission” means the five-member body appointed by the Governor pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Oregon and this chapter to oversee the lottery and the director.

(5) “Lottery contractor” means a person with whom the state lottery has contracted for the purpose of providing goods and services for the state lottery.

(6) “Lottery game” or “game” means any procedure authorized by the commission whereby prizes are distributed among persons who have paid, or unconditionally agreed to pay, for tickets or shares that provide the opportunity to win such prizes.

(7) “Lottery game retailer” means a person with whom the lottery commission has contracted for the purpose of selling tickets or shares in lottery games to the public.

(8) “Lottery vendor” or “vendor” means any person who submits a bid, proposal or offer to provide goods or services to the commission or lottery.

(9) “Person” means any natural person or corporation, trust, association, partnership, joint venture, subsidiary or other business entity.

(10) “Sports betting game” means a lottery game in which the distribution of prizes is based on the results of one or more sporting events.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 461.
SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon State Lottery Commission shall separately record and account for the costs and net proceeds of sports betting games.

(2) When the commission transfers net lottery proceeds to the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund established under ORS 461.540, the commission shall certify to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services the amount of such transfer that represents the net proceeds of sports betting games.

(3) The department shall transfer an amount equal to 80 percent of the net proceeds of sports betting games to the Public Employees Retirement Fund established under ORS 238.660, to be applied against the unfunded actuarial liability of the Public Employees Retirement System.

SECTION 4. The Legislative Assembly finds that a reduction of the unfunded actuarial liability of the Public Employees Retirement System averts future tax increases that would otherwise be necessary to pay for such liability, and that the use of lottery revenues under section 2 of this 2019 Act therefore promotes economic development.