

## HB 4057 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Business and Labor

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**Action Date:** 02/12/20

**Action:** Do pass. Refer to Revenue.

**Vote:** 9-0-2-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Barker, Barreto, Bonham, Boshart Davis, Breese-Iverson, Bynum, Doherty, Fahey, Holvey

**Exc:** 2 - Clem, Evans

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/12

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits Oregon Lottery from offering games based on outcome of a college sporting event.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Inside knowledge of potential team performance held by student athletes, coaches, and others in university's community
- Consumer demand for college sports betting
- Oregon Lottery's proposal to allow college sports betting with specified restrictions
- Existing opportunities to bet on college sports using illegal means
- Pressure placed on student athletes

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

Based on information from the Oregon Lottery's website, the Sports Action game was introduced in 1989 to allow individuals to bet on the outcome of professional football games. Scoreboard, a second game based on the outcome of professional football, was introduced in 2003. At the request of the Legislative Assembly, both games ended in January 2007.

Oregon Lottery launched a new version of Scoreboard in 2019, offering players an opportunity to place bets on national and international professional sporting events. Examples of events on which one can place a bet include highly popular football and soccer games to less popular darts and billiards events. Scoreboard is available only to players 21 years of age or older and who are physically located in Oregon at the time the bet is placed. Scoreboard currently does not offer players an opportunity to place bets on collegiate sporting events.

House Bill 4057 prohibits Oregon Lottery from offering any game based on the outcome of a college sporting event.