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SUMMARY

Establishes Special Joint Committee on State Gambling as joint committee of Legislative Assembly. Directs committee to study gambling in this state and issue report on its findings on or before December 1, 2022.

Prohibits, until January 2, 2023, approval or implementation of new Oregon State Lottery games and issuance of certain licenses and approvals of certain activities by Oregon Racing Commission.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to gambling; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Special Joint Committee on State Gambling is**
4 **established as a joint committee of the Legislative Assembly.**

5 **(2)(a) The committee consists of four members of the House of**
6 **Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Represen-**
7 **tatives and four members of the Senate appointed by the President of**
8 **the Senate.**

9 **(b) The appointing authorities shall appoint members of the com-**
10 **mittee within 30 days of the effective date of this 2022 Act.**

11 **(c) Vacancies occurring in the membership of the committee shall**
12 **be filled by the appointing authority.**

13 **(3) The committee has a continuing existence and may meet, act**
14 **and conduct its business during the sessions of the Legislative As-**
15 **sembly or any recess thereof, and in the interim period between ses-**
16 **sions. The committee has no authority to affect the rules of either**
17 **chamber.**
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1 (4) The committee may not transact business unless a quorum is
2 present. A quorum consists of a majority of members appointed to the
3 committee.

4 (5) Action by the committee requires the affirmative vote of a ma-
5 jority of members appointed to the committee.

6 (6) The committee shall:

7 (a) Study the impact of technology on gambling access,
8 functionality and addiction; and

9 (b) Evaluate the effectiveness of the current regulatory systems
10 that govern state-sanctioned gambling.

11 (7) In carrying out its duties, the committee shall provide an op-
12 portunity for public comment and shall solicit and accept input from
13 relevant subject matter experts, including affected communities, tribal
14 governments, law enforcement agencies, horse industry represen-
15 tatives, problem gambling and addiction experts, and lottery retailers.

16 (8) On or before December 1, 2022, the committee shall deliver a
17 report on its findings to the Legislative Assembly and the Governor.

18 The report may include:

19 (a) An historical overview of the role of gambling in Oregon;

20 (b) Analysis of trends in gambling over the last 25 years;

21 (c) Analysis of gambling regulation in other states; and

22 (d) Regulatory and policy recommendations for the 2023 regular
23 session of the Legislative Assembly.

24 (9) The committee may request and file pre-session measure drafts
25 for the 2023 regular session of the Legislative Assembly in the manner
26 and subject to the deadlines provided by chamber rules for statutory
27 committees of the Legislative Assembly.

28 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.

29 SECTION 3. During the period beginning on the effective date of
30 this 2022 Act and ending on January 2, 2023, notwithstanding the pro-
31 visions of ORS chapters 461 and 462:

1 **(1) The Oregon State Lottery Commission may not authorize, and**
2 **the Oregon State Lottery may not implement, any lottery games that**
3 **were not authorized or implemented before the effective date of this**
4 **2022 Act. Nothing in this section prohibits the Oregon State Lottery**
5 **from entering into new contracts with video lottery game retailers,**
6 **as defined in ORS 461.217, or carrying out existing contracts with video**
7 **lottery game retailers.**

8 **(2) The Oregon Racing Commission:**

9 **(a) May not issue new licenses for race meets under ORS 462.270,**
10 **exchange wagering under ORS 462.313 or multi-jurisdictional**
11 **simulcasting and wagering under ORS 462.725, but may renew such li-**
12 **censes if previously issued; and**

13 **(b) May not approve applications for mutuel wagering on horse**
14 **races previously held under ORS 462.155 or off-race course mutuel**
15 **wagering under ORS 462.710.**

16 **SECTION 4. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
17 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
18 **clared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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