



# **JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON GAMBLING REGULATION**

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# Gambling Harm in Oregon

*Gambling treatment providers see increased gambling harm with increases in:*

- *Access to gambling (platforms or brick and mortar)*
- *Hours available to gamble*
- *Speed of play*
- *Wager amounts (Lottery VLT's now \$5 per spin)*
- *Tolerance / platform switching*
- *Technological advances*
- *Marketing*

# Gambling Treatment in Oregon

*Challenges treatment providers currently face:*

*Lack of clients seeking treatment services (less than 1%)*

*Gambling is a chronic, progressive diagnosis*

*Responsibility placed on affected individuals*

*Lack of standardized regulatory protections*

*Co-occurring challenges*

*Early onset – role of sports*

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# Future handheld digital concerns

*Chance disguised as skill (sports)*

*Not seeing losses as real money (cashless)*

*Losing track of time / \$ lost*

*Invisible illness*

*Increased addiction rate (from 2.6% to 9.2%)*

*Workforce crisis*



# Thank you.

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