House Bill 4046

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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.

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

Relating to gambling; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

(2)(a) The committee consists of four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate.

(b) The appointing authorities shall appoint members of the committee within 30 days of the effective date of this 2022 Act.

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

(3) The committee has a continuing existence and may meet, act and conduct its business during the sessions of the Legislative Assembly or any recess thereof, and in the interim period between sessions. The committee has no authority to affect the rules of either chamber.

(4) The committee may not transact business unless a quorum is present. A quorum consists of a majority of members appointed to the committee.

(5) Action by the committee requires the affirmative vote of a majority of members appointed to the committee.

(6) The committee shall:

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

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

(7) In carrying out its duties, the committee shall provide an opportunity for public comment and shall solicit and accept input from relevant subject matter experts, including affected communities, tribal governments, law enforcement agencies, horse industry repre-
sentatives, problem gambling and addiction experts, and lottery retailers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. During the period beginning on the effective date of this 2022 Act and ending on January 2, 2023, notwithstanding the provisions of ORS chapters 461 and 462:

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

(2) The Oregon Racing Commission:

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

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

SECTION 4. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.