

HB 2410 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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Meeting Dates: 2/14, 3/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes issuance of \$4.5 million in lottery bonds for issuance to the Department of Administrative Services to disburse to the Ontario Recreation District to fund the construction and management of the Ontario Community Recreation Center. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

NOTE - Speaker has requested Committee add subsequent referral to Committee on Ways and Means

FIS:

RIS: "Revenue Lite" impact statement issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lack of services in region without recreation center
- Region often loses residents to Idaho or other eastern Oregon towns
- Other grant opportunities that may be available
- Use of recreation center during emergency situations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Ontario is the largest city in southeast Oregon, with a population of 11,626 as of the 2020 Census. The city sits alongside the Snake River, which forms the border between Oregon and Idaho. Since July 2019, the Ontario Recreation District has been in charge of recreation programs for children and adults in Ontario and its surrounding communities; prior to the district's formation, those tasks fell to a city department. The district is overseen by a five-member board and has two employees.

Programs administered by the Ontario Recreation District include sports, arts and crafts, camps, and clubs. The District oversees several facilities, including a splash park, tennis and pickleball courts, and the Wayne C. King Memorial Skate Park. The District has also formed a pool committee to refurbish and reopen the Ontario Aquatic Center.

House Bill 2410 authorizes issuance of lottery bonds sufficient to generate \$4.5 million in proceeds, to be allocated to the Ontario Recreation District for construction of the Ontario Community Recreation Center.