

HB 4153 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

Action Date: 02/12/20

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Revenue. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-1-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Barker, Barreto, Bonham, Boshart Davis, Breese-Iverson, Bynum, Clem, Doherty, Evans, Fahey

Nays: 1 - Holvey

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits Oregon Lottery from offering games that can be played on mobile phones or personal electronic devices except for sports betting and certain multi-state numbers drawing games.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Opinion from Legislative Counsel regarding legislative authority over Oregon Lottery activities
- Whether problem gambling will increase with availability of Oregon Lottery games on personal electronic devices
- Proposal from Oregon Lottery to prohibit high-velocity gaming on personal electronic devices
- How to define high-velocity gaming
- Impact of problem gambling on public health
- Desire to study negative impacts of increased access to gambling

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Broadens exception to sports betting games that allow bets before and during a sporting event.

BACKGROUND:

Based on information from the Oregon Lottery's website, the Sports Action game was introduced in 1989 to allow players 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.

Scoreboard was brought back in 2019, offering players an opportunity to place bets on national and international professional sporting events. Events range from football and soccer to darts and billiards. Players must be at least 21 years of age and physically located in Oregon when placing the bet. Scoreboard may be played via a mobile phone or personal computer.

House Bill 4153-A prohibits the Oregon Lottery from offering any games that can be played on a mobile phone or other personal electronic device except for sports betting and certain multi-state numbers drawing games (e.g., Powerball and Mega Millions).