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To: House Committee on Rules; [others]...

**Re: I SUPPORT [HB 3394 (-3)]...*Alcohol, Drugs, and Gambling-Satan must be sharpening his horns.***

The State of Oregon used to support high moral values in the behavior of Oregonians. The State controlled Liquor store's monopoly and control of hard alcohol sales via the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). There are now OLCC exceptions accommodations benefiting; Wineries, Cider-Houses and Breweries "Tasting Rooms" who can all sell hard alcohol reducing the aforementioned to "Roadhouse Bars." The aforementioned accommodations only serve to increase the number of DUII drivers on rural roads where law enforcement is dramatically absent.

With the advent of Measure 110, drug sales and growing use ( mainly Cannabis related products) has only exacerbated moral decay and public safety. The statutory possession and use of; heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and under certain conditions psilocybin; has further enabled, facilitated and expedited socially acceptable levels of debauchery with a callous disregard to the public's health and safety.

Over the course of the Regular 2021 Session I have seen multiple pieces of legislation crying for this "Task Force" or that "Task Force" to study issues the elected people should be able to decide without any undo prompting to assuage public opinion's acceptance of a legislator's voting conduct.

The creation of a "Task Force on Gambling" is now pursued.

"Gambling" ( Lottery and Video Lottery) has experienced phenomenal growth in recent years providing funding to many, actually way too many State of Oregon governmental services. The selling of "Lottery Bonds" to fund the Recreation and Parks Department is such an example of reliance on "Gambling revenues" to support a legacy service.

I support the Oregon Racing Commission. The Oregon Racing Commission should be allowed to expand.

However, the types of games soliciting wagers is problematic when one considers the "addictive nature " gambling has upon the frailties associated with the human condition. When a person can "gamble at any time of the day and or night" due to the advances in technology, detrimental and severe addictive behaviors can be produced.

The Tribes and the Lottery have set times and places to wager thus limiting the addictive and severe behavior gambling has upon some people-much like alcohol and drug use.

"The Gambling Task Force" is a waste of time in my book. It is a simple process to restrict gambling activities in Oregon via statute. But, I am "Not" an elected person representing anyone but myself.

What is at issue, along with creating more "gambling addicts" is the financial power and influence "high-velocity gambling" will assert on the gambling associated with the Tribes and the Oregon Lottery.

Further, when a professional sports team supports "high-velocity gambling" and specifically a company which specializes in this convenient instrument of addiction, alarm bells should be ringing loudly.

***Respectfully submitted,***  
/s/ David S. Wall  
Mr. Oregon concurs.