

HB 4046 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates the Special Joint Committee on State Gambling to study the impact of technology on gambling access, functionality, and addiction and to evaluate the effectiveness of current regulatory systems. Requires report to the Legislative Assembly and Governor by December 1, 2022. Prohibits Oregon Lottery and Oregon Racing Commission from authorizing, licensing, or approving certain activities from the measure's effective date to January 2, 2023. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Lottery was created in 1984 through passage of the Oregon State Lottery Act, with the intent of providing additional moneys for the public purposes described in section 4, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution through the operation of a state lottery without the imposition of additional or increased taxes.

In 2021, the Legislative Assembly considered prohibitions on gaming or wagering using mobile phones, personal computers, or other personal electronic devices. In addition to proposing that the Oregon State Lottery be prohibited from offering games playable on a mobile phone or personal electronic device, House Bill 3394 (*not enacted*) would have formed a State Gambling Task Force to study the impact of technology, player and addiction trends, Oregon and other state regulatory systems, and the impact on college sports and tribal communities. The last comprehensive look at Oregon's gaming and gambling landscape and its social and economic impacts was in 1996.

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