

HB 3115 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits the selling, purchasing, or claiming for compensation of a winning lottery ticket or share of a winning lottery ticket prize. Provides exemption for any prize that the Oregon State Lottery Commission authorizes lottery game retailers to pay under ORS 461.250. The measure specifies that if the purchase price of a lottery ticket purchased in violation of this provision is deductible for federal tax purposes, the amount shall be added to federal taxable income for Oregon tax purposes. Provisions of measure impacting federal taxable income for Oregon tax purposes apply to purchases of lottery tickets made in tax years on or after January 1, 2026. The measure also requires that a prize winner's name and address be exempt from public disclosure unless written authorization is given. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current prohibition on transfer of winning lottery tickets
- Consequences for transfer of winning lottery tickets
- Impetus for measure
- Opposition to measure
- Incentives to transfer winning lottery tickets
- Lottery winning tickets that may be redeemed at retailer

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Lottery collects revenues from traditional and video lottery gaming, as well as from sports betting. Lottery dollars fund education, economic growth, state parks, natural habitats, veteran services, and outdoor school. Lottery dollars also fund gambling counseling, treatment, and safer play strategies and resource awareness throughout the State.

ORS 461.250 is the Oregon statute that provides for the payment of prizes and validation of tickets.

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