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I oppose this measure because It should not be a crime to sell a piece of paper that is worth money to someone who wants to take responsibility for said piece of paper. From Medford it is an 8-hour plus round trip to the closest lottery office. They're open Monday through Friday only, so for 94% of people, they have to take a day off of work if they can at all to go up to the lottery office. I don't know about you, but hundreds if not thousands of people that have won the lottery across Oregon driving multiple hours in various weather conditions, with various types of gasoline vehicles, in various conditions, from every corner of Oregon to just 2 places, Wilsonville and Salem every day. That doesn't sound very green or efficient. Mailing it takes a long time, sometimes over 2 weeks, the post office won't let you insure a winning lottery ticket. So if the ticket gets lost, you're out of that prize money, that's a big risk! Selling a lottery ticket to a buyer is technically more eco-friendly, saves people a lot of time on the road possibly causing an accident, emitting toxic greenhouse gases from their car exhaust, congesting our roadways causing more traffic, saving people the risk of having their vehicle break down on them halfway to the lottery office. It is over 400 miles in a round trip from Medford to Salem and back. That's a lot of wear and tear on a vehicle and and the person driving. Brookings to Salem round trip is over 11 hours, Pendleton to wilsonville round trip is over 8 hours, there are plenty more examples. But I will leave you with this, a lot of people all over the state that play and win Oregon lottery feel like they shouldn't have to spend all day or half a month to get their prize, sometimes some can't even mail or drive their ticket due to medical or financial reasons. In conclusion lottery ticket buyers are saving the environment by reducing gas guzzling cars driving long distances, saving people time so they can keep working or doing the things they love, saving people money on wear and tear to their vehicle to spend on other goods and services locally.