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## Position on Bills at 2025 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 914: Support



The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) is a coalition of over 50 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

COIN supports SB 914, which would specify that all billboard advertising intended to promote a lottery game, to indicate where lottery tickets may be purchased, to provide information about prize winners, or to publicize projects or programs funded by lottery dollars is to include the following statement: "Need help with problem gambling? Call or text" followed by the phone number of a problem gambling hotline.

Current law requires that certain lottery billboard advertising include a disclaimer that "Lottery games should not be played for investment purposes." This legend should be removed, as it implies that playing lottery games in some way resembles "investment," which is misleading.

The new disclaimer might help some problem gamblers escape the addiction. But it seems like a very weak approach to avoiding problem gambling.

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