Measure 96

Explanatory Statement

Ballot Measure 96 would amend the Oregon Constitution to require that 1.5% of net proceeds from the State Lottery be used to provide services for the benefit of veterans.

Originally the Oregon Constitution dedicated net lottery proceeds to job creation and economic development. Subsequent initiatives have dedicated 15% of net proceeds from the State Lottery to a parks and natural resources fund, which is used to create and maintain parks and natural resources, and 18% to an education stability fund, which is used to supplement public education funding.

The remaining 67% of net lottery proceeds is currently allocated by the Legislature, including specific amounts for lottery backed bonds, county economic development, college athletics, gambling addiction treatment and other legislative priorities associated with job creation and economic development.

By creating a new 1.5% dedication, the measure would reduce the undedicated portion of net lottery proceeds to 65.5%. Dedicating this percentage to veterans' services may increase Oregon's eligibility for available federal matching funds.

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