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Initiative 41/Ballot Measure 62

BILL BRADBURY
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

Amends Constitution: Allocates 15% Of Lottery Proceeds To Public Safety Fund For Crime Prevention, Investigation, Prosecution”

(re) Explanatory Statement:

The measure requires that 15 percent of net proceeds from the state lottery be deposited to a newly-created public safety fund, effective July 1, 2009. Half of the money in the fund would be distributed to the Oregon State Police for criminal investigation and forensics. The remaining half would be distributed to counties to fund programs for at-risk children (20 percent), supplement the operations of District Attorneys (15 percent), and supplement investigation and field operations of county sheriffs (15 percent).

Currently, the Oregon legislature is mandated to spend 44 percent of lottery funds on parks, bond payments and an educational reserve fund. The remaining 56 percent of Lottery proceeds are spent on a variety of programs, including K-12 education, and state and local economic development. This measure would reduce funds available for these programs.

Under this measure, the legislature may not limit expenditures from the public safety fund. Additionally, the distributions to county district attorneys and sheriffs cannot be used to replace existing funding from other sources.

Certification:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that, pursuant to ORS 250.125 (6), we have prepared the statement described under “Explanatory Statement.”

Secretary of State

Date

State Treasurer

Date

Director, Department of Administrative Service

Date

Director, Department of Revenue

Date

City, County or District Representative

Date