

Ballot Measure Statement
2016 General Election

September 08, 2016

**Referred to the People by the
Legislative Assembly**

Measure 96

Amends Constitution: Dedicates 1.5% of state lottery net proceeds to funding support services for Oregon veterans

Yes

Result of "Yes" Vote: "Yes" vote dedicates 1.5% of state lottery net proceeds to fund veterans' services, including assistance with employment, education, housing, and physical/mental health care.

No

Result of "No" Vote: "No" vote retains current list of authorized purposes for spending state lottery net proceeds; 1.5% dedication to fund veterans' services not required.

Summary: Amends Constitution, dedicates lottery funding for veterans' support services. Currently, constitution requires that state lottery proceeds be used to create jobs, further economic development, and finance public education; dedicates some net lottery proceeds as follows: 18% to finance education stability fund, 15% to finance state parks, restoration and protection of native fish and wildlife, watersheds, water quality and wildlife habitats, 15% to finance school capital matching fund. Measure dedicates 1.5% of lottery net proceeds to fund services for Oregon veterans. Veterans' services include assistance with employment, education, housing, physical/mental health care, addiction treatment, reintegration, access to government benefits, and other services for veterans, spouses and dependents. Other provisions.

Estimate of Financial Impact: This referral amends the Oregon Constitution to dedicate 1.5% of net proceeds from the State Lottery to be deposited in a veteran's services fund, to be created by the Legislature. The money in the veteran's services fund is to be expended on veterans' services, which may include: (1) reintegration, employment, education benefits and tuition, housing, physical and mental health care and addiction treatment programs; (2) assistance for veterans or their dependents to access state and federal benefits; or (3) funding for services provided by county veterans' services officers, campus veterans' service officer or nonprofit or tribal veterans' services officers. The referral defines a veteran as a resident of the State of Oregon who served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Based on the June 2016 forecast from the Office of Economic Analysis 1.5% of net lottery proceeds for veterans' services would be approximately \$9.3 million annually for the 2017-19 biennium. This measure would not have an impact on the constitutionally dedicated amounts for the Educational Stability Fund or the Parks and Natural Resources Fund. The measure does not affect the overall amount of funds collected for or expended by state government. The measure would result in an expenditure shift of \$9.3 million annually, during the 2017-19 biennium, to the Veterans' Services Fund from economic development and public education expenditures.