

House Bill 4053

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act prohibits casinos from operating in the state. The Act describes what a casino is. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2).

Prohibits the operation of casinos in this state, except tribal casinos. Creates presumption that a certain concentration of gaming machines constitutes a casino. Provides a definition of "casino."

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to casinos.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) No person may operate a casino in this state.**

5 **(2) An establishment is irrebuttably presumed to be a casino if the establishment con-**
6 **tains seven or more of any combination of video lottery game terminals and historical animal**
7 **racing terminals.**

8 **(3) This section does not apply to tribal casinos.**

9 **(4) As used in this section:**

10 **(a) "Casino" means an establishment whose dominant use or dominant purpose, or both,**
11 **is for gambling.**

12 **(b) "Establishment" means physically contiguous real property under common ownership**
13 **or operation.**

14 **(c) "Gambling" means the act of playing a game and consciously risking money or other**
15 **stakes on its outcome, except as otherwise provided in this subsection.**

16 **(d) "Gambling" does not include:**

17 **(A) Pari-mutuel wagering on an animal race, provided that the wagers are made before**
18 **the race is completed; or**

19 **(B) Wagering on the outcome of a game if the outcome is predominantly dependent on**
20 **the skill of the person making the wager.**

21 **(e) "Tribal casino" has the meaning given that term in ORS 227.172.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.