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Oregon House Targets Sky-High Ticket Prices With New Consumer Protections

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the House passed [HB 4024](#), legislation designed to strengthen consumer protections and increase transparency in the ticket resale market, ensuring Oregonians are not misled when purchasing tickets to concerts, sporting events and other entertainment.

The bill prohibits ticket resellers from listing or selling tickets unless they actually possess the ticket or have explicit written authorization to obtain it. The measure is aimed at ending “speculative” ticket sales — a practice in which tickets are advertised and sold before a reseller has secured them — which can leave consumers paying inflated prices or facing uncertainty about whether their tickets will be delivered.

“Oregon is fortunate to be home to a wide range of venues that drive arts, culture, and tourism in communities across the state,” said **Rep. Pam Marsh**, (D - Southern Jackson County). “This bill gives us the opportunity to support these venues and reinforce Oregon’s strong commitment to consumer protection.”

Key provisions of the legislation include:

- Prohibiting resellers from offering or reselling tickets unless they have actual or constructive possession of the ticket or written authorization to obtain it.
- Strengthening safeguards against deceptive online practices that mislead consumers into believing resale sites are affiliated with venues or performers.
- Maintaining existing protections against the use of bots and other software that circumvent ticket sales limits or fair access controls.
- Classifying violations as unlawful trade practices subject to enforcement under Oregon consumer protection law.

"This bill is about cracking down on fraud and deceptive sales tactics," said **Rep. Nathan Sosa** (D - Greater Hillsboro). "It is good for consumers, for performers, and for our local venues."

"I believe that it is our job to protect Oregonians from fraud and deceptive trade practices within all sectors," said **Rep. Jules Walters** (D - West Linn/Tualatin). "This bill is a powerful first step in maintaining transparency for our entertainment industry, and giving Oregon's economy the room it needs to thrive."

The bill now advances to the Oregon Senate for consideration.

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