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Legislation Cracks Down on Ticket Scams and Rip-Offs

Oregon Senate passes bill to end “speculative” ticket sales

SALEM, OR – Shady middlemen with look-alike websites can ruin your plans for seeing a concert, sporting event, or theatrical performance. They put tickets up for sale they don't actually have and list them on websites that appear to be affiliated with venues or performers but are not. Oregon legislation passed in the state Senate today bars those practices, preventing the inflation of ticket prices and improving consumers' confidence they will get what they pay for.

“Speculative ticketing can take many different forms. However, the downside is always the same: concertgoers who may have spent thousands of dollars on tickets, airfare, and hotels getting turned away at the door,” said **Senator Kathleen Taylor (D – SE Portland & Milwaukie)**, who carried the measure in the Senate.

Speculative ticket sales—vendors offering or reselling tickets they either do not possess or do not have written authorization to obtain—are prohibited under House Bill 4024. It strengthens protections against misleading websites and maintains Oregon's laws against using bots and other software that prevent fair access to tickets. And the measure has teeth: it classifies violations as unlawful trade practices subject to enforcement Oregon consumer protection law.

The bill passed in a Senate vote of 29 to 0. Eleven Republicans joined Senate Democrats in support. House Bill 4024 now goes to Governor Tina Kotek for her signature.

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