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Voters in the state of Oregon passed on the opportunity on Tuesday to approve the first non-tribal casino in the state. The casino would have been built near Portland, but the measure was voted down by the residents who turned out to vote this week.

The casino issue may not be dead in the state for good. The Oregon governor election results were

finally revealed on Wednesday, and Democrat John Kitzhaber has been called the winner by several news outlets in the state.

It was not necessarily that Oregon residents were against additional casinos, just that this plan was not one they were comfortable with. A Canadian investment firm was the driving force behind the initiative that would have granted a one-time exception to a ban on private casinos in Oregon.

The fear was that the money generated by the casino would not stay in Oregon. One of the main reasons that many states approve casino gambling is for the revenue and job creation that the casino would bring. Without those assurances, Oregon residents were slow to support the ballot initiative.

Although the Canadian firm backed the proposal, supporters claim that the revenue and jobs would have been created with their project. Two local businessman were the driving force behind the proposal, and Attorney Matt Rossman, one of the creators of the plan, believes the issue will be on the ballot again in the future.

Across the US, Republicans took control of many important offices. On a national level, online gamblers took a hit when Republicans won control of the House. Individually, gamblers in states such as Florida and Alabama lost out when Republicans won the governor's races in these states.

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