

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6046

As Passed Senate, February 13, 2012

Title: An act relating to the powers and duties of the gambling commission.

Brief Description: Addressing the powers and duties of the gambling commission.

Sponsors: Senators Prentice, Delvin, Conway, Kohl-Welles, King, Shin and Chase; by request of Gambling Commission.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 1/10/12, 1/12/12, 1/16/12 [DP].

Passed Senate: 2/13/12, 49-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Holmquist Newbry, Ranking Minority Member; King, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Hewitt, Keiser and Kline.

Staff: Edith Rice (786-7444)

Background: Under current state law, the Washington State Gambling Commission has authority to issue licenses that are valid for one year to a variety of entities to conduct gambling-related activities. Gambling-related activities include bingo games, raffles, amusement games, social card games, pull-tabs, and punchboards. Gambling-related activities also include selling, distributing, manufacturing, or supplying gambling-related devices for use within Washington State. Licenses may be issued to approved charitable and nonprofit organizations; individuals, associations or organizations selling food or drink for on-premises consumption; or other approved individuals, associations or organizations.

Washington State Business Licensing Service (BLS) is a program of the Department of Revenue. BLS registers businesses, renews licenses, and provides related services for approximately 40,000 businesses monthly. The Washington State Gambling Commission is currently exploring the possibility of using BLS, which allows one-stop shopping for licenses issued by state and local governments.

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Summary of Bill: The Washington State Gambling Commission is authorized to issue certain gambling-related licenses that are valid for up to 18 months.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This will allow the Gambling Commission to consider participating in BLSs in the Department of Revenue. This is the first step. There is no fiscal impact.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Amy Hunter, WA State Gambling Commission.