
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8430

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1 WHEREAS, Legalized wagering in Washington State has increased
2 significantly during the past decade; and

3 WHEREAS, Legalized wagering in neighboring states is expanding and
4 is expected to continue increasing during the coming years; and

5 WHEREAS, Under Federal law, tribal gambling has expanded into
6 traditional casino gambling; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States Congress recently authorized coastal
8 gambling on cruise ships; and

9 WHEREAS, The State's public policy has been to prevent organized
10 crime from creeping into legalized social gambling, which under
11 existing statutes is subject to strict limitation and regulation; and

12 WHEREAS, With the expansion of tribal gambling, competition for the
13 gambling dollar between tribes, charitable organizations, the lottery,
14 and the horse racing industry will be greatly increased; and

1 WHEREAS, Competition for the gambling dollar will result in
2 pressure to legislate increases in the nature and scope of gambling
3 currently authorized in the State;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
5 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a State
6 Gambling Policy Task Force be established to examine the need for: (1)
7 A clear public policy on gambling, particularly given the pressures to
8 increase the nature and scope of gambling in Washington State; (2)
9 review of the current nature and scope of gambling authorized for play
10 in the State; (3) planning for the future of gambling and corresponding
11 issues in the State, given the expansion of tribal and coastal gambling
12 and the increased competition for the gambling dollar; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall be composed of
14 thirteen representatives: One each from the Gambling Commission,
15 Lottery Commission, and Horse Racing Commission; two members from each
16 caucus in the House of Representatives and the Senate; and a
17 representative from the offices of the Governor and the Attorney
18 General; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall be chaired by the
20 director of the Gambling Commission. The director shall submit a
21 report summarizing the findings of the task force to the legislature by
22 January 1, 1993.