

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5866

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE, FEBRUARY 26, 1993

Brief Description: Changing provisions regarding the gambling commission.

SPONSORS: Senators Moore and Vognild

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Moore, Chairman; Prentice, Vice Chairman; McAuliffe, Newhouse, Pelz, Sutherland, and Vognild.

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Hearing Dates: February 26, 1993

BACKGROUND:

The Washington State Gambling Commission currently consists of five members who are appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate.

Under current law, a member of the Gambling Commission cannot: serve as an officer or manager of any corporation or organization which conducts lottery or gambling activity; receive or share in the gross profits of any gambling activity regulated by the commission; or be beneficially interested in any contract for the manufacture or sale of gambling devices, the conduct of a gambling activity or the provision of independent consultant services in connection with gambling activity.

SUMMARY:

No more than one member of the Gambling Commission may be a current holder of a gambling license or be otherwise involved in gambling-related business. A member of the commission who holds a gambling license or is otherwise involved in a gambling related business must abstain from all commission votes that would directly benefit the member.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

The industry feels it would be beneficial to have a current industry participant on the Gambling Commission to bring real world experience and knowledge to the commission's discussion.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Vito Chiechi, Washington State Licensed Beverage and Gaming Association (Pro)