

1 **ESSB 5762** - H AMD TO H COMM AMD (5762-S.E. AMH TED H3041.1)500

2 By Representative Wood

WITHDRAWN 4-9-97

3 On page 7, after line 39, insert the following:

4 (9)(a) By authorizing the commission to permit simulcast
5 wagering by a class 1 racing association, this section is intended
6 to increase fan attendance at class 1 racing facilities and to
7 provide an additional source of parimutuel receipts for the
8 horsemen's purse account. The success of the equine breeding and
9 racing industry in the state depends, at least in part, upon
10 simulcast wagering. Therefore, a further purpose of this section
11 is to promote and maintain class 1 racing facilities in the state.

12 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (4), (5), or
13 (6) of this section, the commission may not authorize or permit a
14 class 1 racing association to transmit simulcast of live horse
15 racing conducted at its racetrack to locations within the state, or
16 to import simulcast of horse races from out-of-state racing
17 facilities, unless at least two class 1 racing facilities are
18 licensed and operational in the state of Washington.-

EFFECT: States that purpose of simulcast wagering is to increase fan attendance at class 1 racing facilities. Only allows transmission of facilities live race from the track or import of simulcast from out-of-state races if two class 1 facilities are licensed/operational in the state. Currently there are three class 1 racing facilities in the state.