

**Commerce & Labor Committee**

**SSB 5407**

**Brief Description:** *Allowing more simulcast horse racing.*

**Sponsors:** *By Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions (originally sponsored by Senators West, Prentice, Kohl-Welles, Gardner and Rasmussen).*

**Brief Summary of Substitute Bill**

- *Removes the limitation on the number of simulcast races a class one racing association may be authorized to import during its live race meet.*

**Hearing Date:** *3/27/01*

**Staff:** *Sydney Forrester (786-7120).*

**Background:**

*Class one racing associations are those associations licensed by the Washington Horse Racing Commission to conduct at least 40 days of live racing in a 12-month period. Class one associations may be authorized solely by the commission to import simulcasts of horse races from out-of-state racing facilities for the purpose of parimutuel wagering. An association may be allowed to import: (1) unlimited simulcast races during its non-live race season; and (2) limited simulcast races during its live race meet.*

*During both the live race meet and the non-live race season, a class one racing association may conduct parimutuel wagering up to five days each week. The limits on the number of imported simulcast races during an association's live meet are: (1) no more than one simulcast race per each live race day; and (2) no more than two simulcast races on two non-live race days per each week.*

**Summary of Bill:**

*The limit on the number of simulcast races a class one racing association may be authorized to import during its live race meet is lifted. A class one association may be*

*authorized by the commission to import as many simulcasts as the commission allows under the live race regulations.*

***Appropriation:*** *None.*

***Fiscal Note:*** *Available.*

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