
Commerce & Labor Committee

HB 1637

Brief Description: Promoting education on compulsive gambling.

Sponsors: Representatives Wood, Conway, Kenney, Hudgins, McCoy, Moeller, Linville, Santos, Upthegrove and Rockefeller.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes the Gambling, Horse Racing, and Lottery Commissions to contract for services to provide for public awareness and training on problem gambling.

Hearing Date: 2/10/03

Staff: Matt Cooper (786-7106).

Background:

The Gambling Commission, the Horse Racing Commission, and the Lottery Commission (Commissions) oversee all legal gambling in Washington.

One of the Commissions' responsibilities is to inform the public about problem gambling. The Commissions have jointly developed informational signs about problem gambling that are posted in all establishments that conduct any form of gambling.

Summary of Bill:

The Gambling Commission, the Horse Racing Commission, and the Lottery Commission (Commissions) must jointly provide the public with information on problem gambling. The Commissions may contract with qualified entities for services to provide for public awareness and training on problem gambling.

Rules Authority: The bill does not contain provisions addressing the rule-making powers of an agency.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.