

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1982

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Eliminating lottery games that generate insufficient net revenue.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representative Hunter).

**House Committee on Appropriations**  
**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

### **Background:**

#### State Lottery.

The Washington Lottery (Lottery) was established in 1982 to produce revenues for the state. Proceeds from lottery revenues are deposited into the State Lottery Account to support lottery operations and also for specific beneficiaries. Lottery beneficiaries include:

- the Washington Opportunity Pathways Account;
- counties for payment of stadium bonds;
- problem gambling education;
- Veterans Innovation Program;
- economic development; and
- the State General Fund.

Legislation enacted in 2010 established the Washington Opportunity Pathways Account, and directed all remaining net revenues from the State Lottery Account to the new account. Previously, lottery revenues had been directed to the Education Construction Account. During the 2009-11 biennium, lottery funds were redirected from the Education Construction Fund to the State General Fund.

#### Veterans Raffle.

Legislation enacted in 2011 established an annual Veterans Day Raffle. The Lottery Commission was directed to conduct an annual statewide raffle to benefit veterans and their families. All revenues received from the sale of the tickets, less amounts paid out in prizes and actual administrative expenses related to the veterans lottery games, must be deposited into the Veterans Innovations Program (VIP) Account for purposes of serving veterans and their families. The raffle generated approximately \$270,000 in net revenues during fiscal

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year 2012. However, in fiscal year 2013, the Veterans Day Raffle did not generate net revenues for distribution to the VIP Account.

Veterans Innovations Program.

In 2006 the Legislature established the VIP within the Department of Veterans Affairs. The purpose of the VIP is to provide crisis and emergency relief and education, training, and employment assistance to veterans and their families. The VIP terminates on June 30, 2016.

**Summary:**

The requirement for the Lottery to conduct an annual Veterans Day lottery raffle is repealed. Transfers to the VIP Account from the raffle are eliminated. Obsolete transfers from the State Lottery Account to the Education Construction Fund and for payment of bonds for Safeco Field are removed.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	0
Senate	44	3

**Effective:** July 28, 2013