

HB 2186 includes Business and Occupation Tax increase for gambling licensees

[HB 2186](#) is the House of Representatives' proposed education financing package. Section 203 of the bill raises the B&O tax on several types of businesses, including gambling licensees that offer contests of chance identified in [RCW 82.04.285](#). The rate is increased from the current 1.5% to 1.8% of gross income derived from identified gambling activities starting on July 1, 2017. The bill passed out of the House Finance Committee and is in House Rules. The Legislature has until Sine Die on April 23, 2017 to enact this legislation or the bill will be dead. It can also pass the bill during a special session if called by the Governor.