

WASHINGTON STATE GAMBLING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

February 20, 2025 OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON



Washington State Gambling Commission

Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest.

Special Gambling Commission Meeting

(Regular meeting date was changed)
Thursday, February 20, 2025

You can attend the meeting virtually: <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> (TEAMS meeting link)

By phone: 360-726-3322, ID: #961566772#

In-Person: Liquor and Cannabis Board 1025 Union Avenue SE Olympia, WA

Public Comment can be provided by:

- Written comment by email no later than close of business the day before the commission meeting to <u>askus@wsgc.wa.gov</u>
- Virtually via Teams or
- In person

The Chair may take items out of order and the Commissioners may take action on business items.

An asterisk identifies Administrative Procedures Act Proceedings (*)

9:30 AM Call to Order Alicia Levy, Chair

*Tab 1 Consent Agenda

(Action)

January 9, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes New Licenses & Class III Gaming Employees HBCR List

Public Comment

Election of a Vice Chair

(Action)

Public Comment

Executive Director's Report

Tina Griffin, Executive Director

*Tab 2 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Request to Exceed \$400,000 Limit in Raffle Prizes

(Action)

Jim Melville, Special Agent Alex Baier, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Public Comment

Tab 3 FY 25 Budget Update

Kriscinda Hansen, Chief Financial Officer

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RULEMAKING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT PROCEEDINGS

*Tab 4 Petition to Initiate Rulemaking

(Action)

Card Cutting

Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Rules Manager

Public Comment

Tab 5 2025 Legislative Update

(Possible Action)

Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Rules Manager

Public Comment

Tab 6 Agency Project Updates

- Polaris IT Modernization
- Lexipol Policies

Gary Drumheller, Deputy Director

Public Comment

Executive Session - Closed to the Public

The estimated time to discuss current and potential agency litigation with legal counsel, including tribal Negotiations will be announced at the meeting, but is anticipated to be 1 hour.

Adjourn

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Updated: February 10, 2025

Next Meeting: March 13, 2025 at the Liquor and Cannabis Board, Olympia, WA Public Meeting Accommodations: Questions or comments about the agenda and requests for special accommodation should be directed to askus@wsgc.wa.gov



Washington State Gambling Commission

Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest.

January 9, 2025 Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Liquor and Cannabis Board in Olympia, WA.

Commissioners:

Chair Alicia Levy – In person Vice Chair Bud Sizemore – In person Sarah Lawson – In person Anders Ibsen – In person Michael Charles – In person Ex Officio Members Present:
Senator Steve Conway – Excused
Senator Jeff Holy – Excused
Representative Shelley Kloba – Virtual
Representative Eric Robertson- Excused

Staff Present:

Tina Griffin, Executive Director; Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Rules Manager; Adam Amorine, Legal Manager; Damon Mentzer, Administrative Assistant; Julie Lies, Trial Liaison; Mark Harris, Special Agent; Troy Kirby, PIO; Immanuel Lee, Intern; and Suzanne Becker, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Staff Presents Virtually:

Gary Drumheller, Deputy Director; Jim Nicks, Assistant Director; Bill McGregor, Special Agent Supervisor; Jess Loshe, Special Agent Supervisor; and Nicole Frazer, Administrative Assistant

There were 21 people in the audience and 30 people attended virtually.

Chair Levy welcomed everyone to the Liquor and Cannabis Board and called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

She announced that the meeting would be recorded and took the role to ensure a quorum.

<u>Tab 1 - Consent Agenda, Executive Director's Report, and Strategic Plan Update</u> <u>Chair Levy</u> asked the Commissioners if they had any changes to the consent agenda. They did not. She asked for public comment. There was none.

Commissioner Sizemore moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Ibsen seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously. 5:0

Tina Griffin, Executive Director (ED), and Chair Levy recognized Mark Harris, Special Agent, for 30 years of agency service and Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison, for 35 years of agency service.

At 9:41 AM the Commissioners took a break to take pictures with staff. The meeting resumed at 9:52 AM. A quorum was present.

ED Griffin provided staffing updates, general agency updates, and presented the metrics for the 2023 – 2028 Strategic Plan through September 30, 2024.

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Tab 2 - Special Olympics of Washington

Roger Sauve, Special Agent (SA), Mary Do, Chief Executive Officer for Special Olympics of Washington, and Mark Sinay, CFO/VP Accounting and Administration of Special Olympics of Washington presented Special Olympics of Washington's 2023 and 2024 enhanced raffles results.

SA Roger Sauve, Mary Do, and Mark Sinay also presented the 2025 Dream House enhanced raffle request.

Chair Levy asked for public comment. There was none.

Commissioner Ibsen moved to approve the 2025 Dream House enhanced raffle request to be conducted in Western Washington by the Special Olympics of Washington.

Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. 5:0

At 10:16 AM the Commissioners took a break. The meeting resumed at 10:28 AM. A quorum was present.

<u>Tab 3 - Rule up for Final Action - Minimum Cash on Hand</u>

Adam Amorine, Legal Manager (LM), presented the materials for this tab. **Chair Levy** asked if the Commissioners had any questions.

Chair Levy asked for public comment. There were none.

Vice Chair Sizemore thanked staff and stakeholders for working to find options for customers.

Commissioner Sizemore moved to take final action on the proposed minimum cash on hand rules with an effective date of 31 days after filing with the Code Reviser.

Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. 5:0

<u>Tab 4 – Rule up for Discussion and Possible Filing – Centralized Surveillance</u> <u>LM Amorine presented the materials for this tab.</u> <u>Bill McGregor, Special Agent Supervisor</u> (SAS), ED Griffin, LM Amorine, and Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison, answered questions posed by the Commissioners.

Chair Levy asked for public comment. **Vicki Christopherson**, the petitioner, provided public comment in support of the proposed rules.

Commissioner Ibsen moved to deny the request due to ongoing staff concerns. Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion.
The motion was approved. 3:2

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<u>Tab 5 – Petition to Initiate Rulemaking – Advertisements for Sports Wagering</u>
<u>Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Rules Manager (LRM), presented the materials for this tab.</u>

Chair Levy asked if there was public comment. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Lawson moved to deny the request based on the fact the request is outside the jurisdiction of the commission.

Commissioner Ibsen seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. 5:0

Representative Kloba provided public comment on sports wagering advertisements and the impact on problem gambling. She also discussed the SAFE act, proposed federal legislation.

<u>Tab 6 – Petition to Initiate Rulemaking – Eligible Tables at Poker Tournaments</u> **LRM Gullion presented** the materials for this tab.

Chair Levy asked if there was public comment. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Sizemore moved to deny the request based on this being under legislative purview and not a matter for the commission to consider.

Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. 5:0

<u>Tab 7 – Petition to Initiate Rulemaking – Increasing the Betting Cap from \$300 to \$400 in Poker</u>

LRM Gullion presented the materials for this tab.

Chair Levy asked if there was public comment. **Steven Jackson**, the petitioner, spoke to his petition.

Commissioner Levy moved to deny the petition because the statute says the public policy of gambling is to promote the social welfare of the people by limiting the nature and scope of gambling activities.

Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. 5:0

A break was taken at 11:32 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:38 a.m. with a quorum present.

<u>Tab 8 – 2025 Legislative Update</u>

LRM Gullion presented the materials for this tab.

Chair Levy asked if there was public comment. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Sizemore moved the commission support HB 1149 and any Senate companion as it furthers past work that the commission has supported and should have a detrimental effect on those that perpetuate animal fighting.

Commissioner Charles seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. 5:0

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<u>Tab 9 Default – Defendant in Rem – Case 2024-01808</u>

LM Amorine presented the material for this tab.

Chair Levy asked if there was public comment. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Ibsen moved to approve the final order of forfeiture to complete the seizure process with final agency action in case 2024–01808 resulting in the forfeiture of the seized property to go to the Washington State Gambling Commission.

Commissioner Lawson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously, 5:0

Public comment

Chair Levy asked if there was any public comment.

Vice Chair Sizemore announced that he would step down as a commissioner with this being his last meeting as he has taken a new job. He expressed his appreciation in working with tribal partners, stakeholders, staff, and his fellow commissioners over the years.

Chair Levy, Commissioner Lawson, Commissioner Ibsen, Commissioner Charles, and **Representative Kloba** expressed their appreciation to Vice Chair Sizemore for his service as a commissioner.

Chair Levy raised moving the regular commission meeting scheduled on February 13 and 14, 2025, because Chair had a conflict on that day and there is no longer a Vice Chair to oversee the meeting. The commissioners discussed their availability on February 20, 2025, as a possible date to hold the regular February meeting, which would be a special meeting and the location to be determined. Chair Levy stated that elections for a new Vice Chair would be held at the beginning of the meeting on February 20, 2025.

Commissioner Charles moved to hold a special commission meeting on Feb 20, 2025. Commissioner Lawson seconded.
The motion passed unanimously at 5:0.

At 1200 PM Chair Levy adjourned the meeting.



COMMISSION APPROVAL LIST (New Licenses & Class III Gaming Employees) February 2025

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Based upon the licensing investigations, staff recommends approving all new Licenses and Class III employees listed on pages 1 to 16.

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ORGANIZATION NAME

LICENSE NUMBER PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

BINGO

CARE MOSES LAKE 5107 CRYSTAL SPRINGS PL NE

00-25524 01-02857 MOSES LAKE WA 98837

CENTRALIA LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL INC 902 JOHNSON RD

00-25335 01-02856 CENTRALIA WA 98531

FOE 00696/ROSLYN 107 N 2ND ST 00-00139 01-00909 ROSLYN WA 98941

FOE 03158/EATONVILLE 100 WEYERHAEUSER RD N 00-00317 01-00988 EATONVILLE WA 98328

LIONS CLUB OF WINLOCK 408 SE 2ND ST 00-08881 01-02212 WINLOCK WA 98596

WAHKIAKUM COUNTY FAIR 16 FAIRGROUNDS RD 00-25096 01-02850 SKAMOKAWA WA 98647

RAFFLE

BELLEVUE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION 600 BELLEVUE WAY NE 00-25515 02-21467 BELLEVUE WA 98004

BPOE 01450/PUYALLUP 314 27TH STREET NE 00-00223 02-00671 9UYALLUP WA 98372-3105

CAMP STIX DIABETES PROGRAM

4115 S CUBA ST

00-24077 02-20816 SPOKANE WA 99223

CARE MOSES LAKE 5107 CRYSTAL SPRINGS PL NE 00-25524 02-21475 MOSES LAKE WA 98837

CENTRALIA LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL INC
00-25335 02-21400 902 JOHNSON RD
CENTRALIA WA 98531

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR COUPEVILLE 501 S MAIN ST

00-25460 02-21445 COUPEVILLE WA 98239

FRONTIER DAYS FOUNDATION 363 ORCHARD ST

00-25488 02-21456 WALLA WALLA WA 99362

MEPHGCHRAM COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OUTREACH 7616 KYLEE LN SE

00-22825 02-09234 OLYMPIA WA 98501

SOUNDVIEW SCHOOL 220 RAILROAD AVE 00-25541 02-21477 EDMONDS WA 98020

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ORGANIZATION NAME

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NEW APPLICATIONS

RAFFLE

SPOKANE POLICE CHAPLAINCY ADVISORY BOARD 1100 W MALLON AVE 00-25525 02-21471 SPOKANE WA 99260

SPOKANE SHADOW YOUTH SOCCER CLUB 2426 N DISCOVERY PL

00-25531 02-21473 SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99216

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL 6511 176TH ST SW

TACOMA ARTS LIVE 1001 YAKIMA AVE 00-18238 02-08167 TACOMA WA 98405

WAHKIAKUM COUNTY FAIR 16 FAIRGROUNDS RD 00-25096 02-21422 SKAMOKAWA WA 98647

PUNCHBOARD/PULL-TAB COMMERCIAL STIMULANT

BROADWAY GRILL & PIZZERIA LLC 3121 BROADWAY AVE 00-25480 05-21918 EVERETT WA 98201

DAX'S DOWNTOWN BAR & GRILL

1004 LEE BLVD

1004 LEE BLVD

1004 LEE BLVD

00-25466 05-21914 RICHLAND WA 99352

GARBES BAR & GRILL 313 NW CHEHALIS AVE 00-25483 05-21920 CHEHALIS WA 98532

GEORGES BLT 18212 SR 410 E

00-25217 05-21852 BONNEY LAKE WA 98391

L & M FIREHOUSE 533 HARMAN WAY 00-25462 05-21912 ORTING WA 98360-9025

PUGET SOUND PIZZA 317 S 7TH ST

00-25501 05-21927 TACOMA WA 98402

ROUND UP BAR & RESTAURANT 30411 MOUNTAIN HWY E

00-25503 05-21928 GRAHAM WA 98338

ELECTRONIC RAFFLE

SPOKANE CHIEFS FAN CLUB 00-11998 12-00006

720 W MALLON SPOKANE WA 99205 **DATE: 02/03/2025** Page 3 of 16

ORGANIZATION NAME

LICENSE NUMBER PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

DISTRIBUTOR

SUZOHAPP GAMING SOLUTIONS, LLC
1385 PAMA LN UNIT 100
21-00324
21-00324
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

NON HOUSE-BANKED CARD GAME

BROADWAY GRILL & PIZZERIA LLC 3121 BROADWAY AVE 00-25480 65-07556 EVERETT WA 98201

MID-LEVEL SPORTS WAGERING VENDOR

CATALIST SPORTS INC. 7957 N UNIVERSITY DRIVE 10-00754 82-00038 PARKLAND FL 33067

GAMING LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, LLC 600 AIRPORT ROAD 10-00757 82-00039 LAKEWOOD NJ 08701

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PERSON'S NAME

LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

DISTRIBUTOR REPRESENTATIVE

CARO, MARTIN I DYNAMIC GAMING SOLUTIONS 22-01385 OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73119

CARO, MARTIN M

22-01386

DYNAMIC GAMING SOLUTIONS
OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73119

KLAUSS. ADAM E INTERBLOCK USA LLC

22-01381 INTERBLOCK USA LLC
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

LE, HOANG C
22-01382

TIL GAMING
RENTON WA 98057

LEE, HSIEN-CHUNG INTERBLOCK USA LLC 22-01384 LAS VEGAS NV 89118

MAZECKIN, MICHAEL

22-01383

TIL GAMING
RENTON WA 98057

WALTERS, MEAGAN E
22-01387

DYNAMIC GAMING SOLUTIONS
OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73119

MANUFACTURER REPRESENTATIVE

CARTER, NICHOLAS A EVERI GAMES INC. 23-04039 LAS VEGAS NV 89118

HILLYARD, BRADEN W JR

AINSWORTH GAME TECHNOLOGY INC

23-04038 LAS VEGAS NV 89118

KABALA, DANIEL A TCS JOHN HUXLEY AMERICA INC

23-04042 LAS VEGAS NV 89120

MARES, CHRISTOPHER J EVERI GAMES INC. 23-04040 LAS VEGAS NV 89118

TURNER, WILLIAM T AINSWORTH GAME TECHNOLOGY INC

23-04033 LAS VEGAS NV 89118

VANDENBURG, SHANE C ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES INC

23-04041 LAS VEGAS NV 89135

WHITE, JONATHAN A ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES INC

23-04043 LAS VEGAS NV 89135

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NEW APPLICATIONS

CALL CENTER REPRESENTATIVE

CARNES, AMY R INCEPT CORPORATION 32-00101 CANTON OH 44718

HOLZOPFEL, JANAE M INCEPT CORPORATION 32-00100 CANTON OH 44718

SPIVEY, LOSHAUNA D INCEPT CORPORATION 32-00103 CANTON OH 44718

TALKINGTON, AUDRIANNA L INCEPT CORPORATION 32-00102 CANTON OH 44718

WARD, LORRAINE L INCEPT CORPORATION 32-00105 CANTON OH 44718

MAJOR SPORTS WAGERING REPRESENTATIVE

BUCHMAN, BLAKE M
33-00682

DRAFTKINGS
BOSTON MA 02116

CUFFE, ROBERT P DRAFTKINGS
33-00684 BOSTON MA 02116

MARTINEZ, JOSE A DRAFTKINGS
33-00686 BOSTON MA 02116

PHAN, ZACHARY W BETRIVERS

33-00681 CHICAGO IL 60611

ROBINSON, SAMUEL E DRAFTKINGS 33-00685 BOSTON MA 02116

SALERA, DAVID IGT

33-00095 LAS VEGAS NV 89113

SCIARRINO, DYLAN T
33-00683

DRAFTKINGS
BOSTON MA 02116

NON-PROFIT GAMBLING MANAGER

BERRY, ROBERT L II AMERICAN LEGION 00082/TONASKET

61-04905 TONASKET WA 98855

MILLER-JERKE, PATRICIA A FOE 00649/CLE ELUM 61-04902 CLE ELUM WA 98922-0000

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NEW APPLICATIONS

NON-PROFIT GAMBLING MANAGER

ZORN, BERNELL L JR

61-04820

VFW 01263/RENTON
RENTON WA 98057-2551

SERVICE SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE

GONZALEZ, RICHARD NORTH AMERICAN VIDEO 63-00641 POINT PLEASANT NJ 08742

MILICEVIC, JAMES V MARNELL COMPANIES, LLC

63-01188 LAS VEGAS NV 89119

SHORTY, HARRIET A NORTH AMERICAN VIDEO 63-01184 POINT PLEASANT NJ 08742

WHITE, TREYVON R
63-01185
NORTH AMERICAN VIDEO
POINT PLEASANT NJ 08742

CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

ALMY, NICHOLAS S 68-37003	В	CARIBBEAN CARDROOM KIRKLAND WA 98034
ANDINO, MARVIN A 68-37900	В	JAMESTOWN SALOON ARLINGTON WA 98223
BALL, JACOB J 68-29304	В	DESERT BLUFFS POKER ROOM KENNEWICK WA 99352
BROWELL, MIKAL S 68-37909	В	LILAC LANES & CASINO SPOKANE WA 99208-7393
BUCHHOLZ, MARVIN A 68-37867	В	GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/EVERETT EVERETT WA 98204
CAMPA, HOLDEN P 68-37910	В	CRAZY MOOSE CASINO/PASCO PASCO WA 99301
FERRARO, CHRISTOPHER A 68-16575	В	BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT & CARD ROO SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99206-4719
FERRER, TINO E 68-37899	В	SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/SEATAC SEATAC WA 98188
FESILI, VINCENT P 68-37904	В	FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON RENTON WA 98055

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CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

FOOTE, ANNETTE M 68-37908	В	CRAZY MOOSE CASINO/PASCO PASCO WA 99301
GRACE, PAUL 68-22138	В	FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER LA CENTER WA 98629
GRAYSON, KYLE M 68-37920	В	FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER LA CENTER WA 98629
JOHNSON PHILLIPS, DOMENICK D 68-37907	В	CLEARWATER SALOON & CASINO EAST WENATCHEE WA 98802
LAMBORN, ROBERT J 68-37856	В	IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO AUBURN WA 98002
LEE, CHENG K 68-25199	В	GRAND CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133
LORDS, CHAD A 68-35869	В	SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/RENTON RENTO WA 98057
MARTIN, REBECCA M 68-37894	В	CRAZY MOOSE CASINO II MOUNTLAKE TERRACE WA 98043-2463
NGUYEN, PHUC H 68-06346	В	GOLDIES SHORELINE CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133
PEERY, JAMES A 68-24456	В	SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/MILL CREEK MIL CREEK WA 98012-6384
ROE, JEFFREY R 68-34958	В	BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT & CARD ROC SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99206-4719
SANCHEZ, DAVID A 68-37902	В	NOB HILL CASINO YAKIMA WA 98902
SHEARER, ANTHONY R 68-37905	В	CASINO CARIBBEAN YAKIMA WA 98901
STEVENS, GRACIELA L 68-26030	В	CRAZY MOOSE CASINO/PASCO PASCO WA 99301
SURGEON, TRENTON W 68-37906	В	CLEARWATER SALOON & CASINO EAST WENATCHEE WA 98802
TANKSLEY, SHARLENE E 68-37912	В	SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/MILL CREEK MILL CREEK WA 98012-6384

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CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

TRAVIS, KATELYN M
68-31940
B
FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER
LA CENTER WA 98629

WILLIAMS, EDDIE S
68-24676
B
FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER
LA CENTER WA 98629

LILAC LANES & CASINO
SPOKANE WA 99208-7393

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CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

CHEHALIS CONFEDERATED TRIBES

HAKKOLA, JACOB F LUCAS, MICHAEL D

69-58127 69-07639

ROWLAND, BRIAN T

69-57903

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

CONDON, CHRYSTAL D GOMES BALBERDI, JESSTINA-LYNN R

69-58223 69-58222

JENSEN, ASHER S KAAIHUE, TYMANI L

69-58251 69-58252

MCCLUNG, JARROD B TAYLOR, TYRON O

69-40732 69-58253

COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

DAY, SHAUN A HERMENS, DANEE A

69-58120 69-58195

HUG, CHERYLYNN R JENSEN, LEVI R

69-58165 69-58151

JONES, OLIVIA K KOKOTEK, JAKUB R

69-58213 69-58200

KOSTROMIN, IOAN LAMA, ARUN

69-58103 69-58172

LEAL-WOOD, ISAAC D MANUEL, MARISCHEL D

69-47501 69-58190

MILLER, BYRON L MILLER, HAILEY N

69-51254 69-58152

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CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

MORENO, JONATHAN Z ROBINSON, TRISHELENA L

69-56128 69-58146

SHERIDAN, MARINA K SHOCKLEY, HEATHER K

69-58142 69-58110

STOLYAROV, DIANA S THAO, JOSHUA H

69-58132 69-58164

TRUEBLOOD, JILLIAN C VENTURA, DEREK JR

69-58106 69-58111

WHITMAN-BAILEY, SUE M WISNER, CHELSEA B

69-58143 69-58192

KALISPEL TRIBE

ALVAREZ, ALEXIS C BATTEN, CONNOR E

69-58234 69-58182

ENA, ETI A JR GARCIA, MAKENZIE L

69-58130

HILBURN, CHRISTIAN A RUSSELL, NATHANIEL W

69-58219 69-58126

SHEPARD, DANIEL R III SWAIM, JAKE G

69-58233 69-58144

LUMMI NATION

MAKINSON, PHILLIP C WAGNER, JOCELYN P

69-58191 69-58034

MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

ARENAS, EDWARD V BRONCHEAU, ADRIAN T

69-58241 69-58240

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NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

BURNES, ZACHARY M CHHAY, SOPHEAK

69-58133 69-58137

CHRISTIAN, TODD H CHUNG, YOORA

69-58136 69-58198

COURVILLE, BEVERLY I CRUZ ORELLANA, DORRIS L

69-10671 69-54476

CRUZ, MIKYLA R DEL MUNDO, PABLO A III

69-58135 69-58237

HAGAN, RICHARD A HERNANDEZ, TRACEE L

69-58239 69-06167

HOLLINS, NICHOLAS E LAWRENCE, HERBERT F JR

69-58134 69-58138

LOBEHAN, ELIJAH C MCLEAN, AALIYAH L

69-58199

PABLO, KROY V PALESO'O, BEAVER L

69-49570 69-58139

RATLIFF, MAKAILA R SILYUTINA, TATIANA V

69-58140 69-58141

SOHAPPY, MORGAN TAU, MELEANE V

69-58238 69-47641

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE

ARELLANO, KRISTOFER J ATA, SIO 69-51566 69-58204

PALM, JULIE D SCHENE, PAUL 69-33497 69-58161

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NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE

SHARP, CHELSIE L TAYLOR, KEVIN L

69-58175 69-48080

THOMAS, FRANK J

69-58168

NOOKSACK INDIAN TRIBE

GALINDO, RUBEN JR GEROS, CASEY A

69-58129 69-58096

MOELLER, MICHELLE A

69-26288

PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

CORDERO, ERIKA C LADWIG, RHONDA E

69-58179 69-58178

PAGASIAN, ESMERALDO J REPINE, SHANNON M

69-38456 69-19593

SANDERS, SUSAN S

69-37543

PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

CHU, PETER K MCLAM, CHRISTOPHER L

69-58206 69-58162

NHEM, DOMINIC L OLSEN, SHANNON N

69-58171 69-58197

PALACIOS, ALEX J SOMMERS, JOSHUA S

69-58145 69-58176

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CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

QUINAULT NATION

EKERSON, TY T GWERDER, ASHTON O

69-58188 69-58216

JARROLD, MICHELE J LOPEZ, CHARLENE R

69-58115 69-58215

RUSSELL, LENNY L SINZ, CARLY A

69-58189

WILDE, THOMAS W

69-58236

SHOALWATER BAY TRIBE

DAVIS, OLIVER L SMITH, MICHELLE C

69-58173 69-58174

SNOQUALMIE TRIBE

ARELLANO, MICAH-ELLA-JOY O ARNOLD, KYLE M

69-46378 69-58231

BARRABEE, OUINN J CHIEU, KEVIN

69-58169 69-35697

GRAY, TRUMAN S GUILLIOT, TRISTAN J

69-58156 69-58113

HUYNH, HONG T LATHROP, SAMUEL Q

69-58157 69-58158

MAZZEO, ANTHONY R TRUJILLO, CARLOS M

69-58229 69-58230

SPOKANE TRIBE

BELDEN, KEVIN M CHANDLER, MITCHELL W

69-58196 69-58155

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PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

SPOKANE TRIBE

CROUSE-SEYLER, TRISTAN S CZEKAJ, STEPHEN P

69-58203 69-58160

DE LA ROSA, JAVIER GORTON, BEVERLY A

69-58109 69-56278

HEDRICK, MARK A MORALES-PEREZ, DAN

69-58153 69-48532

PAVLIC, JENNIFER J

69-58163

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

CALMA, WILMA S CLEMENTS, MARY E

69-58154 69-58114

DODGE, DENISE P MINKLER, DONNI L

69-58217 69-47904

WALDROP, SIRIUS M

69-58201

SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY

FRADY, JAMES P SIERRA, PATRICK

69-58207 69-58104

STEPHENS, JASON F

69-58108

THE TULALIP TRIBES

ABDULKAREEM, JESSE D BARRON, COLBY K

69-58148 69-58124

BLAIR, STEFVEN M DOBESH, DIANE J

69-58150 69-13000

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PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

THE TULALIP TRIBES

DONATO MAPA, KYLE A FUGATE, ARTHUR C

69-58159 69-58123

GONZALEZ, JUAN C GONZALEZ, TAKODA J

69-58184 69-58181

GRANT, KAIDEN W LEONARD, RONALD M

69-58211 69-58149

LIPKE, LOGAN M MARGARITO, MARISOL

69-58125 69-58147

MC KINNEY, DENNIS L MISAGHIYEH, ELNAZ

69-58121 69-58183

NICHOLS, BRANDON M SEVERN, TRISTAN T

69-58186 69-58122

STEAD, SPENCER A SULLIVAN, PAUL J

69-58187 69-58208

THOMPSON-TAYLOR, TEVIN S WHEATON, JESSICA K

69-58209 69-33848

UPPER SKAGIT INDIAN TRIBE

NIPPER, ROBERT C VALDES, ERIKA E

69-58194 69-58232

WARREN, DOMINICK F WRIGHT, BENJAMIN T

69-58245

YAKAMA NATION

ELWELL, CHRISTOPHER J GONZALES MORALES, AXEL D

69-34884 69-58226

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PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

YAKAMA NATION

HEEMSAH, LESLIE L III

69-58225

JAMES, STANLEY

69-27249

MOORE, ANDREA L

69-32113

ONATE-MARTINEZ, CRISTIAN I

69-58131

OUON, STEPHANIE M

69-53335



HOUSE-BANKED PUBLIC CARD ROOM REPORT

Licensed and Operating 36					
	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org#	License #
ALL STAR CASINO	SILVERDALE	Jan 14, 1999	Jun 30, 2025	00-18357	67-00058
BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT & CARD ROOM	SPOKANE VALLEY	Jan 10, 2013	Jun 30, 2025	00-22440	67-00321
BUZZ INN STEAKHOUSE/EAST WENATCHEE	EAST WENATCHEE	Oct 10, 2002	Jun 30, 2025	00-11170	67-00183
CARIBBEAN CARDROOM	KIRKLAND	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24515	67-00343
CASINO CARIBBEAN	KIRKLAND	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24512	67-00341
CASINO CARIBBEAN	YAKIMA	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24513	67-00342
CHIPS CASINO/LAKEWOOD	LAKEWOOD	Apr 8, 1999	Jun 30, 2025	00-17414	67-00020
CLEARWATER SALOON & CASINO	EAST WENATCHEE	Feb 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24296	67-00339
COYOTE BOB'S CASINO	KENNEWICK	Jul 10, 2009	Mar 31, 2025	00-21848	67-00282
CRAZY MOOSE CASINO II	MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	Jul 10, 2009	Mar 31, 2025	00-21849	67-00283
CRAZY MOOSE CASINO/PASCO	PASCO	Jul 10, 2009	Mar 31, 2025	00-21847	67-00281
FORTUNE CASINO - LACEY	LACEY	Jul 14, 2022	Mar 31, 2025	00-24868	67-00347
FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON	RENTON	Jan 8, 2015	Jun 30, 2025	00-23339	67-00327
FORTUNE CASINO - TUKWILA	TUKWILA	Oct 8, 2015	Jun 30, 2025	00-23465	67-00329
FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER	LA CENTER	Apr 9, 1998	Jun 30, 2025	00-16903	67-00010
GOLDIES SHORELINE CASINO	SHORELINE	May 13, 1999	Jun 30, 2025	00-17610	67-00016
GRAND CASINO	SHORELINE	Nov 14, 2024	Jun 30, 2025	00-25290	67-00350
GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/EVERETT	EVERETT	Nov 12, 1998	Jun 30, 2025	00-19513	67-00194
GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/TUKWILA	TUKWILA	Jan 15, 1998	Jun 30, 2025	00-12554	67-00012
IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO	AUBURN	Jan 9, 2003	Jun 30, 2025	00-19477	67-00192
IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO	TUKWILA	May 9, 2024	Mar 31, 2025	00-24893	67-00348
JOKER'S CASINO AND SPORTS BAR	RICHLAND	Nov 12, 1998	Jun 30, 2025	00-15224	67-00006

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Licensed and Operating			36		
	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org#	License #
LANCER LANES AND CASINO	CLARKSTON	Nov 13, 2008	Jun 30, 2025	00-21681	67-00276
LILAC LANES & CASINO	SPOKANE	Jul 12, 2007	Jun 30, 2025	00-21305	67-00267
MACAU CASINO	LAKEWOOD	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24516	67-00345
NEW PHOENIX	LA CENTER	Oct 6, 2022	Jun 30, 2025	00-24981	67-00349
NOB HILL CASINO	YAKIMA	Sep 12, 2001	Jun 30, 2025	00-13069	67-00173
PAPAS CASINO RESTAURANT & LOUNGE	MOSES LAKE	Aug 13, 1998	Jun 30, 2025	00-02788	67-00004
RC'S AT VALLEY LANES	SUNNYSIDE	Nov 16, 2017	Mar 31, 2025	00-16220	67-00336
RIVERSIDE CASINO	TUKWILA	Aug 14, 2003	Jun 30, 2025	00-19369	67-00187
ROXBURY LANES AND CASINO	SEATTLE	Nov 18, 2004	Jun 30, 2025	00-20113	67-00231
SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/MILL CREEK	MILL CREEK	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2025	00-22131	67-00302
SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/RENTON	RENTON	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2025	00-22134	67-00305
SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/SEATAC	SEATAC	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2025	00-22128	67-00299
SLO PITCH PUB & EATERY	BELLINGHAM	Nov 14, 2024	Jun 30, 2025	00-16759	67-00038
WILD GOOSE CASINO	ELLENSBURG	Apr 8, 2004	Jun 30, 2025	00-20009	67-00212

Licensed but Not Currently Operating			8		
	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org#	License #
ACE'S POKER TUKWILA	TUKWILA	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24514	67-00344
DRAGON TIGER CASINO MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	Dec 29, 2023	Jun 30, 2025	00-22459	67-00315
EMERALD DOWNS	AUBURN	May 11, 2017	Mar 31, 2025	00-23814	67-00335
LUCKY DRAGONZ CASINO	SEATTLE	Mar 10, 2022	Jun 30, 2025	00-23001	67-00323
MAVERICK CASINO	LAKEWOOD	Dec 26, 2023	Jun 30, 2025	00-16542	67-00028
ROMAN CASINO	SEATTLE	Feb 10, 2000	Mar 31, 2025	00-17613	67-00057
ROYAL CASINO	EVERETT	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2025	00-22130	67-00301
ZEPPOZ	PULLMAN	Nov 13, 2008	Mar 31, 2025	00-18777	67-00209

Applications Pending			1		
	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org#	License #
SUAVE RICO'S CANTINA AND CASINO	SEATAC			00-25527	67-00351



Washington State Gambling Commission

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FEBRUARY 20, 2025

TO: COMMISSIONERS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Alicia Levy, Chair Senator Steve Conway Sarah Lawson Senator Jeff Holy

Anders Ibsen Representative Shelley Kloba Michael Charles Representative Kevin Waters

FROM: TINA GRIFFIN, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

New Ex-Officio

On January 29, 2025, Laurie Jinkins, Speaker of the House, appointed Representative Eric Robertson to serve as an Ex-Offico of the Gambling Commission, see the attached appointment letter.

Vacant Commission Position

We have been working with the Director of Boards and Commissions in the Office of the Governor to fill the vacant commissioner position. They don't anticipate beginning recruitment until March 2025.

We have announced the vacancy on our social media sites and our website directing interested parties to contact Boards and Commissions.

Attachment:

Letter from Laurie Jinkins, Speaker of the House, dated January 29, 2025

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 27th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT LAURIE JINKINS

State of Washington House of Representatives

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



January 29, 2025

Representative Kevin Waters P.O. Box 40600 Olympia, Washington 98504

Dear Representative Waters:

Pursuant to RCW 9.46.040, it is my pleasure to appoint you to the Gambling Commission, replacing former Representative Eric Robertson.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this important role. If you have any questions regarding your appointment, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

LAURIE JINKINS

Speaker of the House



Washington State Gambling Commission

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February 20, 2025

TO: COMMISSIONERS

Alicia Levy, Chair Sarah Lawson Anders Ibsen Michael Charles **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Senator Steve Conway Senator Jeff Holy Representative Shelley Kloba Representative Kevin Waters

FROM: JIM MELVILLE, SPECIAL AGENT, REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT UNIT

SUBJECT: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Inc.'s Request to Exceed \$400,000 Limit in Raffle Prizes Paid during the License Year Ending June 30, 2025.

Our rules require licensees to get your approval before offering raffle prizes exceeding \$400,000 in a license year, WAC 230-11-067.

To seek that approval the licensee must submit a raffle plan that includes the following:

- (a) The organization's goals for conducting raffles; and
- (b) A brief overview of the licensee's mission and vision including the type of program supported by the licensee and the client served; and
- (c) Plans for selling raffle tickets; and
- (d) A brief overview of the prizes awarded; and
- (e) Estimated gross gambling receipts expenses and net income for the raffle; and
- (f) Any other information that we request or any information the licensee wishes to submit.

Request for your approval:

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is seeking your approval to offer raffle prizes exceeding \$400,000 during their current license year which ends on June 30, 2025.

Staff recommends you approve Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's request to exceed the annual raffle prize limit of \$400,000 for their license year January 1st, 2025 - June 30, 2025.



Washington State Gambling Commission Attention: Jim Melville, Special Agent, Regulation & Enforcement 4565 7th Avenue S.E. Lacey, WA 98503

RE: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Inc. (License # 00-11750) request to exceed \$400,000 limit in raffle prizes paid between January 1 and June 30, 2025.

Dear Mr. Melville and the Washington State Gambling Commission,

Please accept this letter as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Inc.'s (RMEF) request to exceed the \$400,000.00 prize limit for raffle prizes pursuant to WAC 230-11-067(3) for the license period of January 1 to June 30, 2025. RMEF's mission is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife, their habitat and our hunting heritage. RMEF does this through habitat enhancement and conservation projects, wildlife research, and education. To accomplish its mission, RMEF relies heavily on its fundraising system, which features Big Game Banquets that include auctions and raffles. Our 23 Washington Big Game Banquets all take place between the first week of February and Memorial Day each year. Because of this compressed schedule, we exceed the \$400,000 limit prior to June 30th each year. RMEF raffles are legal, fair and responsible. Allowing this waiver will allow RMEF to continue its mission and to put more money "on-the-ground" in Washington.

In 2024, the RMEF State Leadership Team for Washington, composed of local volunteers and residents, had at their disposal \$515,000.00 to spend in the State for the fulfillment of RMEF's mission in Washington. These funds came directly from our banquets held in Washington in 2023.

For the 2024 license year, RMEF expects gross gambling receipts of approximately \$850,000.00, with estimated expenses of \$300,000.00, resulting in an estimated net income of \$550,000.00 from our raffles. Due to the incredible support of our generous partners and donors who donate merchandise or allow us to purchase it well below market value, we are able to keep our expenses low while offering high quality prizes. Their generosity allowed us to award approximately \$470,000 in fair market value worth of prizes in 2024 despite having incurred less than \$300,000 in expenses related to raffles. As is evidenced by the estimates provided, RMEF fundraising is efficient and, therefore, allows a large portion of the money raised to be utilized for mission work rather than simply covering expenses.

The Washington State Gambling Commission has approved previous RMEF requests to exceed the annual raffle prize limit. For the January 1 – June 30 license period of 2025, we request that the commission again approve an increase and reimpose the \$550,000 limit for the value of prizes awarded in the license period.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Approving this request will allow RMEF to maximize our ability to fundraise and deliver mission to the benefit of our shared wildlife resources.

Please feel free to contact me at (425) 293-2160 or abaier@rmef.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alex Baier, Regional Director of Western Washington, RMEF

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION, INC.

Raffle Plan: Request to Exceed \$400,000 Raffle Prizes Paid Limit During License Period (January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025)

WAC 230-11-067(3)

(a) Organization's Goals for Conducting Raffles

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Inc. (RMEF) conducts raffles in the State of Washington to raise funds in support of our mission. Raffles are an important facet of RMEF's diverse fundraising efforts, which include auctions, membership dues, retail sales, and charitable solicitations. RMEF's goal is to continue fundraising efforts in Washington to support additional habitat enhancement, land protection, and public access projects.

(b) A Brief Overview of the License's Mission and Vision Including the Type of Programs Supported by the Licensee and Clients Served

RMEF's mission is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife, their habitat and our hunting heritage.

RMEF's four mission programs are land conservation and access, habitat stewardship, wildlife management, and hunting heritage. In support of our mission, RMEF is committed to: conserving, restoring and enhancing natural habitats; promoting the sound management of wild elk, which may be hunted or otherwise enjoyed; restoring elk to their native ranges; and educating members and the public about habitat conservation and our hunting heritage.

Acres Conserved and Enhanced: More than 8.9 million acres of wildlife habitat

Acres Opened and/or Secured for Public Access: 1.59 million acres opened and/or secured for hunting and other outdoor recreation

Conservation and Hunting Heritage Outreach Projects Complete: 14,295 projects

Number of Members: 225,000 nationwide, over 12,000 of which live in Washington. **Number of Chapters**: More than 500 nationwide, 23 of which are in Washington. **Number of Volunteers**: 12,000 nationwide, over 300 of which live in Washington.

The statistics above give a succinct picture of what RMEF accomplishes nationwide with support from members and volunteers, along with local, state and federal agencies. Washington-based members, volunteers and partners contribute to our ability to raise funds in support of our mission and deliver high-quality mission across Washington.

Since our inception, RMEF has brought over \$134 million dollars on-the-ground to benefit the wildlife and residents of the State of Washington, a large portion of which was raised at our Big Game Banquets through raffles. In 2024, RMEF earmarked \$515,000 for mission delivery in Washington from RMEF's raffle and banquet program. The dollars we provided were used to leverage an additional \$3.8 million from our dedicated partners in conservation. Every year, RMEF's Washington-based volunteers participate on a committee that reviews proposals and decides how to leverage this earmarked funding to deliver mission across Washington. Additionally, our volunteers plan and organize several boots-on-the ground projects to aid our primary partner, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, in whatever way they need most at that time; we hosted 9 of these work parties in 2024.

Some unique projects we supported in 2024 included the reconstruction of irrigation aqueduct crossings which had burned in the retreat fire within the Oak Creek Wildlife Area, the conservation of wetland and salmon spawning habitat

with the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club, and stepping up in the final weeks with funding to demolish the Kachess Lodge which was preventing a lands transaction to allow for a wildlife underpass crossing I-90 to be constructed. We were also able to support several noxious weed treatments, forage enhancement projects, an aspen planting and several large forest thinning efforts across several Wildlife Area's and National Forests.

In addition to our connectivity and habitat work, RMEF supported other local non-profits who work to support our hunting heritage. We funded 4 elk hunts with Youth Outdoors Unlimited who provide opportunities for physically disabled and terminally ill youth, sponsored 7 high school shooting and archery teams, provided scholarships for disadvantaged youth to attend Washington State's Youth Conservation Camp, and provided the gas money for an 8th grade class's trip to Mt. St. Helens where they learned about the geology of the site and how the eruption impacted local wildlife. We also aided efforts to give back to our veterans by supporting organizations like Cross the Divide, Outdoors For Our Heroes, and Salmon for Soldiers who provide outdoor recreational opportunities to the veteran community.

Our 2024 grant funds continued to add to our long history of projects in Washington. Some of these historic efforts included major land acquisitions which have conserved large swaths of land which are then conveyed to the State for public ownership, providing public access to all of Washington's residents. One such project in Washington is the Merrill Lake property. RMEF, in partnership with the WDFW and other private and public partners, purchased the former timberland property, permanently protecting and providing public access to 1,453 acres of critical riparian habitat at the foot of Mount St. Helens. RMEF conveyed this property to the WDFW for public ownership and management.

In the last 5 years, Washington has also been the recipient of several grants from our national programs. Launched in 2021, RMEF and our partners provided support to restore habitat after catastrophic wildfires near <u>Asotin</u>, Yakima, and Ellensburg by removing invasive plant species, rebuilding water sources in vital winter ranges, and planting native sagebrush. RMEF has funded valuable research on the impact of hoof disease on Western Washington's elk herds which is being conducted by Washington State University

On a national scale, RMEF was able to do a lot of good in 2024 for our nation's wildlife with the funds raised here and across the country. One such example would be a 2,200 acre expansion of the <u>East Canyon Wildlife Management Area</u> in Utah. This critical mule deer migration corridor located 15 miles outside of Salt Lake City was under imminent threat of development when RMEF learned of a \$1.3 million budget shortfall. Because of the incredible support we receive in Washington and across the country, RMEF was in a position to fill this gap within days of learning about it.

Everything we do, from our local granting programs to our large-scale national conservation projects, is only possible when we can leverage funding raised through raffles and other grassroots activities.

(c) Plans for Selling Raffle Tickets

RMEF chapters in Washington sell raffle tickets in face-to-face transactions by volunteers throughout the State. Each chapter typically conducts numerous raffles which are drawn at an annual event, called the Big Game Banquet, as well as other smaller events and stand-alone raffles that may occur from time to time. When not at a fundraising event, RMEF volunteers also sell raffle tickets by tabling at various businesses who support our mission, setting up and working booths at local sportsmen's shows and by soliciting their friends, families, and colleagues. Our events are advertised on RMEF's website, through RMEF's bi-monthly magazine, *Bugle*, and through a variety of local publications and signage.

(d) Brief Overview of Prizes Awarded

Various merchandise including sporting goods, equipment, home goods, gift certificates, firearms, and hunting and fishing trips.

(e) Estimated Gross Gambling Receipts, Expenses, and Net Income for the Raffles

2025 Estimated Gross Gambling Receipts: \$875,000.00

2025 Estimated Gross Expenses: \$325,000

2025 Estimated Net Income (Gross Gambling Receipts Less Prize Expenses): \$550,000.00

(f) Any Other Information That We Request or Any Information the Licensee Wishes to Submit

RMEF's National staff and Regional Directors continue to meet with chapter chairs, state chairs, and volunteers to provide training on the importance of complying with Washington's charitable gambling laws, record keeping requirements, and the conduct of charitable raffles. RMEF staff and volunteers remain committed to conducting raffles in Washington in a lawful and transparent manner.

RMEF is providing this Raffle Plan to better inform the Washington State Gambling Commission of our raffle activities and charitable work in the State. We respectfully request permission to exceed the \$400,000 raffle prize limit for the January 1 – June 30, 2025 license period. If the Washington State Gambling Commission determines that a new prize limit is advisable, RMEF respectfully requests a limit of \$550,000 for the license period. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Tab 3 – FY 25 Budget Update

Materials for this agenda item will be presented at the commission meeting.



Rule Petition to initiate rulemaking: Card Cutting

February 2025 - Initiate Rule Making

Tab 4: February 2025 Commission Meeting Agenda

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who Proposed the Rule Change?

Patrick Moore

Background

Petitioner Patrick Moore is requesting to add or amend rules regarding cutting cards in poker games like Texas Hold'em, Omaha Hold'em, Rass, 5 card stud, and 7 card stud. The petitioner believes new or amended rules are necessary to prevent cheating when a deck of cards is being cut. The petitioner states the goal of these rule changes is to improve the integrity of the game and prevent dealers from potentially dealing cards from the bottom of the deck.

Attachments:

- Petition received on January 4
- Letter to petitioner which was mailed on January 13
- 2nd Letter received from petitioner received on January 27
- WACs 230-15-125 & 230-15-126

Policy Considerations

There are two WACs that deal with cutting cards: WAC 230-15-125 Cutting Cards in player-dealt games and WAC 230-15-126.

Current rules address cutting cards in player-dealt games and center dealer-dealt games, see attached. After a shuffle, the dealer must offer the cards to a player for a cut in player-dealt games and may offer the cards to a player for a cut in center dealer-dealt games.

Staff Recommendation

Staff does not see a need for a rule change. There have been no complaints in recent years regarding cutting cards. Based on the lack of complaints and regulatory concerns regarding cutting cards, we do not see a regulatory need for adding requirements to card rooms.

Under the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, the Commission must act on a petition within 60 days of receiving it. Your options are:

- Initiate rule making proceedings by filing the rule as proposed for further discussion or
- Deny the petition in writing, (a) stating the reasons for denial and specifically address the concerns stated in the petition, or (b) where appropriate, indicate alternative means by which the agency will address the concerns raised in the petition.

Received

JAN 10 2025

Business & Financial Services Gambling Commission

DATE:

January 4, 2025

TO:

TINA GRIFFIN DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON STATE GAMBLING COMMISSION

FROM:

PATRICK G. MOORE

SUBJECT: CUTTING THE CARDS.

I would very much like you to enact a rule for Texas Holem, Omaha, Rass, 5 card stud, 7 card stud, temporarily then permeant. That the individual on the button must cut the card or a player must cut the cards on a rotational basis. Must cut the cards at least ten cards from the top and 40 cards deep. (I do not plan to have someone ever audit the cards to see if it is 9 deep or 41 deep visual is good. If a player taps the deck the dealer must cut the card toward him. The cards are to be cut so that no one sees the bottom card not even the dealer. The plastic cover card is placed on the bottom of the deck after player cut. It is very important that if someone taps the card dealer must cut cards, or the next player cuts.

If this rule is enacted the game becomes even more fare for each person playing. <u>Do Casinos Ever Cheat?</u>
- YouTube

Do Casinos Ever Cheat? http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQlgOWPLliU

Thank You

Patrick G. Moore

2923 E Euclid Ave.

Spokane Wa, 99207



Washington State Gambling Commission

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January 13, 2025

Patrick Moore 2923 E Euclid Ave. Spokane, WA 99207

Re: Rule change request – Cutting the cards

Dear Patrick,

Thank you for submitting a rule change request. My name is Tricia Gullion and I am the Legislative and Rules Manager for the Gambling Commission and I will be working on your request.

We have two WACs that deal with cutting cards WAC 203-15-125 Cutting Cards in player-dealt games and WAC 230-15-126 (included).

Are you proposing amended language to one of these rules? Would this be a new rule? if so, can you please provide a copy of the language you would like to see?

The best way to communicate moving forward is through email. You can reach me at tricia.gullion@wsgc.wa.gov

This will be up for discussion before our commissioners at their February meeting, please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Tricia Gullion Legislative and Rules Manager

Enclosures

cc:

4565 7th Avenue SE Lacey, WA 98503 wsgc.wa.gov PO Box 42400 Olympia, WA 98504 360-486-3440 901 N Monroe St Suite 240 Spokane, WA 99201 509-325-7900

Received

DATE: January 19, 2025

TO: Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Rules Manager

FROM: Patrick Moore

SUBJECT: Rule change for "cut" cards when dealing

JAN 27 2025

Business & Financial Services Gambling Commission

Hello Tricia

I would like you to watch the following video on You tube and consider the following proposed rule change. <u>Do Casinos Ever Cheat?</u>

As you know a common deck contains 52 cards, and these decks come with two jokers, a rules card, and an advertising card. The latter is commonly discarded.

I propose that the 1st cut card be the exact same size as the deck of cards, and be the joker, a rules card or an advertising card, these cards come complimentary with each deck and is no added cost to the casino. The second cut card be the traditional plastic cut card currently being used in dealt games.

My goal is to improve the integrity of the game, enhanced. By using "two" cut cards one cut card on the bottom of the deck placed after the shuffle. This fist cut card will be a Joker, add card, or rules card that comes with the deck and is the exact same size as the deck of cards. Then under that cut card the tradition plastic cut card is to be used.

Doing this will prevent an improperly skilled dealer from dealing off the bottom of the deck. Thus, enhancing the integrity of the game.

Two cut cards in center dealer-dealt games, and in player-dealt games.

I have not figured out a way to prevent a dealer from dealing the second or third card off the top of the deck in dealer hand held decks. I do for see the World Series of Poker adapting this rule change in a couple of years. If you can get this common practice in Washington. "Washington Style Texas Holdem" Omaha, Rass, and Stud Games.

Respectfully

Patrick Moore

2923 E Euclid Ave

Spokane WA 99207

509-919-2549

- WAC 230-15-125 Cutting cards in player-dealt games. In player-dealt games:
- (1) After the shuffle, the dealer must offer the cards to a player for a cut. After this initial offer of a cut, the dealer may require any player who asks for a cut to pay a maximum of one dollar; and
 - (2) Dealers must:
- (a) Not cut the cards more than twice during each hand or game; and
- (b) Place all the fees for cutting the cards into the pot for that hand or game.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 07-09-033 (Order 608), \$230-15-125, filed 4/10/07, effective 1/1/08.]

- WAC 230-15-126 Cutting cards in center dealer-dealt games. In center dealer-dealt games:
- (1) After the shuffle, the dealer may offer the cards to a player for a cut. After this initial offer of a cut, the dealer may require any player who asks for a cut to pay a maximum of one dollar; and
 - (2) Dealers must:
- (a) Not cut the cards more than twice during each hand or game; and
- (b) Place all the fees for cutting the cards into the pot for that hand or game.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 07-21-116 (Order 617), \$ 230-15-126, filed 10/22/07, effective 1/1/08; WSR 07-10-034 (Order 611), \$ 230-15-126, filed 4/24/07, effective 1/1/08.]



Washington State Gambling Commission

Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest.

February 20, 2025

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FROM: Tricia Gullion, Legislative & Rules Manager

SUBJECT: February 2025 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Today is the 39th day of the 105-day legislative session. The Commission has one agency-request bill for this session requesting a public records exemption. This legislation would exempt the proprietary financial and security information of our Tribal partners and licensees to keep financial documents, independent auditor reports and supporting documents of house-banked licensees and Tribal partner gaming facilities secure. Currently, the House version – HB 1222 – has passed out of the House State Government and Tribal Relations Committee and is now in the Rules Committee.

Staff of the Washington State Gambling Commission joined law enforcement agents from around the state for the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Law and Justice Day on February 4. Staff shared information regarding the WSGC's agency request legislation as well as agency budgetary information. Lawmakers must address a significant budget deficit this session and staff shared concerns with legislators on what a sweep of agency funds could do to our ongoing IT modernization project.

We have a few bills of interest that have been introduced this year which could impact our agency. They are being presented today to determine if the commission would like to take a formal position. They are:

House Bill 1362 – this bill would create a gambling diversion court pilot program. It would establish eligibility standards and requirements for the treatment program and would allow the court to discharge a conviction for an individual upon completion of the diversion treatment program.

House Bill 1364 – this legislation would increase the gross revenue threshold for unlicensed bingo, raffles and amusement games conducted by charitable and nonprofit organizations from \$5,000 to \$15,000.



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Senate Bill 5443 – this bill would increase the increase the maximum price which raffle tickets can be sold from \$100 to \$250. It would increase the gross revenue threshold for unlicensed bingo, raffles and amusement games conducted by charitable and nonprofit organizations from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and increase the gross revenue from bingo and amusement games to \$10,000. Additionally, it would allow for three enhanced raffles per calendar year for eastern and western Washington for bona fide charitable organizations resulting in 6 total enhanced raffles each year. Finally, it would allow bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations to conduct a promotional contest of chance and allow bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations to solicit a donation in a promotional contest of chance.

Senate Bill 5512 – this proposal would allow for centralized surveillance system monitoring in house-banked card rooms. This is designed to ensure gambling is conducted in an honest, competitive and safe environment. The purpose of surveillance systems is to, in a way that is not publicly accessible, document events that:

- Ensure the licensed gambling activities are conducted honestly and free of criminal elements and activities,
- Protect the public and employees, and
- Allow card rooms to implement cost saving measures by reducing the amount of surveillance staff they are required to have on site.

Senate Bill 5565 – this legislation would allow senior living centers, senior housing and senior living communities to conduct a bingo game once a week. Gross revenues from bingo would not exceed \$10,000 during a calendar year.

Senate Bill 5285 – this proposal would allow cities and counties to authorize a .10 percent sales tax to fund additional law enforcement officers. It would additionally require the Criminal Justice Training Commission to provide at least 27 basic law enforcement officers training classes each year.

Senate Bill 5621 – this bill would prohibit electronic raffles conducted at licensed sporting events where the total prize amount is 50 percent of the gross gambling receipts collected.

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HOUSE BILL 1362

State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session

By Representatives Stearns, Mena, Entenman, Parshley, Eslick, Obras, Ryu, Simmons, Timmons, Scott, Waters, Ortiz-Self, Davis, Peterson, Hill, and Ormsby

Read first time 01/17/25. Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of a gambling treatment diversion
- 2 court pilot program to be conducted by the administrative office of
- 3 the courts; and adding a new section to chapter 2.30 RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1**. A new section is added to chapter 2.30 RCW 6 to read as follows:
 - (1) The administrative office of the courts shall conduct a gambling treatment diversion court pilot program which has as a purpose the treatment of persons determined to be affected by an addictive disorder related to gambling and who committed a crime for which they have pled guilty or been convicted in furtherance or as a result of the gambling. The pilot program shall be established in a superior court selected by the office and must begin accepting program participants by July 1, 2027.
 - (2) The treatment program shall:
- 16 (a) Include the terms and conditions for successful completion of the program;
- 18 (b) Require that the person assigned to the program agree to pay 19 restitution in a manner and within a period of time determined by the 20 court for the person to be eligible to participate in the program;

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(c) Provide for progress reports at intervals set by the court to ensure that the person is making satisfactory progress toward completion of the program;

- (d) Be administered by a qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional and include:
- (i) Information and encouragement for the participant to cease problem gambling through educational, counseling, and support sessions;
- (ii) The opportunity for the participant to understand the medical, psychological, social, and financial implications of problem gambling; and
 - (iii) Appropriate referral to community, health, substance abuse, religious, and social service agencies for additional resources and related services, as needed.
 - (3) (a) If the court has reason to believe that a person who has pled guilty to or has been convicted of a crime is afflicted with problem gambling or disordered gambling and the person committed the crime in furtherance of or because of problem gambling or disordered gambling, the court shall hold a hearing before it sentences the person to determine whether or not the person committed the crime in furtherance or as a result of problem gambling or disordered gambling and whether or not the person should receive treatment under the supervision of a qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional. The prosecutor may present the court with any evidence concerning whether the person committed the crime in furtherance or as a result of problem gambling or disordered gambling and the advisability of permitting the person to enter the program.
 - (b) At the hearing, the court shall advise the person that sentencing will be postponed if the person submits to treatment and is accepted into a program for the treatment of problem gambling or disordered gambling. The court shall advise the person that:
 - (i) The court may impose any conditions upon the treatment that could be imposed as conditions of probation; and
 - (ii) If the person is accepted in the program, the person may be placed under the supervision or care of a qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional for a period of at least one year or until the court, upon recommendation of the treatment provider, determines that the person has successfully completed the treatment program. Except as provided for in this section, no person shall

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remain under supervision pursuant to this section for a period in excess of three years.

- (4) (a) If the court, after a hearing, determines that a person is eligible to accept the problem gambling treatment offered, the court shall order a qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional to conduct an examination of the person to determine whether the person is afflicted with problem gambling or disordered gambling, committed the crime in furtherance or as a result of problem gambling or disordered gambling, and is likely to be rehabilitated through treatment. The qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional shall report to the court the results of the examination and recommend whether the person should be placed under supervision for treatment.
- (b) If the court, acting on the report of the qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional or other relevant information determines that the person is not afflicted with problem gambling or disordered gambling, did not commit the crime in furtherance or as a result of problem gambling or disordered gambling, is not likely to be rehabilitated through treatment, or is otherwise not a good candidate for treatment, the person may be sentenced.
- (c) If the court determines that the person is afflicted with problem gambling or disordered gambling, committed the crime in furtherance or as a result of problem gambling or disordered gambling, is likely to be rehabilitated through treatment, and is a good candidate for treatment, the court may:
- (i) Impose any conditions that may be imposed as conditions of probation;
- 29 (ii) Defer sentencing until such time, if any, as sentencing is 30 authorized; and
 - (iii) Place the person under the supervision or care of a qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional for not less than one year and not more than three years. The court may require such progress reports on the treatment of the person as it deems necessary. The probation department or other appropriate agency designated by the court to monitor or supervise the person shall report periodically to the court as to the person's progress in treatment and compliance with court-imposed terms and conditions. The treatment provider shall promptly report to the department of

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corrections or other appropriate agency all significant failures by the person to comply with any court-imposed term or condition.

- (d) A person who is placed under the supervision or care of a qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional shall pay the cost of the program of treatment to which the person is assigned and the cost of any additional supervision that may be required, to the extent of the financial resources of the person. The judgment constitutes a lien in like manner as a judgment for money rendered in a civil action. If the person who is placed under the supervision of a qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional does not have the financial resources to pay all of the related costs:
- (i) The court shall, to the extent practicable, arrange for the person to be assigned to a program that receives a sufficient amount of federal or state funding to offset the remainder of the costs; and
- (ii) The court may order the person to perform supervised community service in lieu of paying the remainder of the costs relating to the person's treatment and supervision.
- (5) A person who is afflicted with problem gambling or disordered gambling and who has pled guilty to or been convicted of a crime and who committed the crime in furtherance or as a result of problem gambling or a gambling disorder is eligible to be assigned by the court to a program for the treatment of problem gambling or disordered gambling before the person is sentenced unless:
 - (a) The crime is:

- 26 (i) A crime against persons established in Title 7, 9, 9A, 10, 27 26, 28A, 46, or 74 RCW;
 - (ii) A crime against a child listed in RCW 28A.400.322; or
- 29 (iii) An act which constitutes domestic violence as defined in 30 RCW 10.99.020;
 - (b) The person has a record of two or more convictions of a crime described in (a) of this subsection or a similar crime in violation of the laws of another state or other criminal proceedings that allege the commission of a violent offense are pending against the person;
- 36 (c) The person is on probation or parole, unless the appropriate 37 probation or parole authority consents or the court finds that the 38 person is eligible after considering any objections made by the 39 appropriate probation or parole authority; or

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(d) The person has previously been assigned by a court to a program for the treatment of problem gambling or disordered gambling.

- (6) (a) Whenever a person is placed under the supervision or care of a qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional, the person's sentencing must be deferred and the person's conviction must be set aside if the professional certifies to the court that the person has satisfactorily completed the program of treatment and the court approves the certification and determines that the conditions imposed for treatment have been satisfied.
- (b) If the qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional has not certified that the person has completed the program of treatment prior to the expiration of the treatment period, the court shall sentence the person. If the person has satisfied the conditions imposed for treatment and the court believes that the person will complete the treatment voluntarily, the court may discharge the conviction. If, prior to the expiration of the treatment period, the qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional determines that the person will benefit from further treatment, the professional may request that the court extend the treatment period beyond three years.
- (c) During the treatment period, if the qualified mental health or substance use disorder professional determines that the person is not likely to benefit from further treatment, the professional shall so advise the court. The court shall either:
 - (i) Arrange for the transfer to a more suitable program; or
- (ii) Terminate the supervision and conduct a hearing to determine whether the person should be sentenced.
- (7) If the person satisfactorily completes the treatment program, as determined by the court, the conviction may be discharged under RCW 9.94A.637. If the person does not satisfactorily complete treatment and satisfy the conditions, the court may impose a sentence that could have been imposed, or that would have been required to be imposed, originally for the offense for which the person pled guilty or was convicted. If the person's conviction is discharged, the person may apply to the court for a vacation of the offender's record of conviction under RCW 9.94A.640.
 - (8) As used in this section:
- 38 (a) "Qualified mental health professional" means any mental 39 health professional or mental health service agency as defined in RCW

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- 1 70.02.010 that is licensed or certified by the department of health
- 2 to provide problem gambling services.
- 3 (b) "Substance use disorder professional" has the same meaning as

4 in RCW 70.97.010.

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HOUSE BILL 1364

State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session

By Representatives Orcutt, Klicker, Eslick, Jacobsen, Ley, and Springer

Read first time 01/17/25. Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the gross revenue threshold for 2 unlicensed bingo, raffles, and amusement games conducted by
- 3 charitable or nonprofit organizations; and amending RCW 9.46.0315,
- 4 9.46.0321, and 9.46.110.

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- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0315 and 2012 c 131 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
 - fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations organized primarily for purposes other than the conduct of raffles, are hereby authorized to conduct raffles without obtaining a license to do so from the commission when such raffles are held in accordance with all other requirements of this chapter, other applicable laws, and rules of the commission; when gross revenues from all such raffles held by the organization during the calendar year do not exceed ((five thousand dollars)) \$15,000; and when tickets to such raffles are sold only to, and winners are determined only from among, the regular members of the organization conducting the raffle. The organization may provide unopened containers of beverages containing alcohol as raffle prizes if the appropriate permit has been obtained from the liquor ((control)) and cannabis board((: PROVIDED, That)). However, raffles that exceed ((five thousand dollars)) \$15,000 may

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- also be conducted pursuant to ((the provisions of)) this section if
 the organization obtains a license from the commission((: PROVIDED)

 FURTHER, That the)). The term members for this purpose shall mean
 only those persons who have become members prior to the commencement
 of the raffle and whose qualification for membership was not
 dependent upon, or in any way related to, the purchase of a ticket,
 or tickets, for such raffles.
- 8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.46.0321 and 1987 c 4 s 28 are each amended to read 9 as follows:

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- Bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations organized primarily for purposes other than the conduct of such activities are hereby authorized to conduct bingo, raffles, and amusement games, without obtaining a license to do so from the commission but only when:
- 15 (1) Such activities are held in accordance with all other 16 requirements of this chapter, other applicable laws, and rules of the 17 commission;
- (2) Said activities are, alone or in any combination, conducted no more than twice each calendar year and over a period of no more than ((twelve)) 12 consecutive days each time, notwithstanding the limitations of RCW 9.46.0205((: PROVIDED, That a)). A raffle conducted under this subsection may be conducted for a period longer than ((twelve)) 12 days;
 - (3) Only bona fide members of that organization, who are not paid for such services, participate in the management or operation of the activities;
 - (4) Gross revenues to the organization from all the activities together do not exceed ((five thousand dollars)) \$15,000 during any calendar year;
 - (5) All revenue therefrom, after deducting the cost of prizes and other expenses of the activity, is devoted solely to the purposes for which the organization qualifies as a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization;
 - (6) The organization gives notice at least five days in advance of the conduct of any of the activities to the local police agency of the jurisdiction within which the activities are to be conducted of the organization's intent to conduct the activities, the location of the activities, and the date or dates they will be conducted; and

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- (7) The organization conducting the activities maintains records for a period of one year from the date of the event which accurately show at a minimum the gross revenue from each activity, details of the expenses of conducting the activities, and details of the uses to which the gross revenue therefrom is put.
- **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.46.110 and 2020 c 70 s 1 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
 - (1) The legislative authority of any county, city-county, city, or town, by local law and ordinance, and in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter, may provide for the taxing of any gambling activity authorized by this chapter within its jurisdiction, the tax receipts to go to the county, city-county, city, or town so taxing the activity. Any such tax imposed by a county alone shall not apply to any gambling activity within a city or town located in the county but the tax rate established by a county, if any, shall constitute the tax rate throughout the unincorporated areas of such county.
 - (2) The operation of punchboards and pull-tabs are subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Chances may only be sold to adults;

- 21 (b) The price of a single chance may not exceed ((five dollars))
 22 \$5;
 - (c) No punchboard or pull-tab license may award as a prize upon a winning number or symbol being drawn the opportunity of taking a chance upon any other punchboard or pull-tab;
 - (d) All prizes available to be won must be described on an information flare. All merchandise prizes must be on display within the immediate area of the premises in which any such punchboard or pull-tab is located. Upon a winning number or symbol being drawn, a merchandise prize must be immediately removed from the display and awarded to the winner. All references to cash or merchandise prizes, with a value over ((twenty dollars)) §20, must be removed immediately from the information flare when won, or such omission shall be deemed a fraud for the purposes of this chapter; and
- 35 (e) When any person wins money or merchandise from any punchboard or pull-tab over an amount determined by the commission, every licensee shall keep a public record of the award for at least ((ninety)) 90 days containing such information as the commission shall deem necessary.

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(3) (a) Taxation of bingo and raffles shall never be in an amount greater than five percent of the gross receipts from a bingo game or raffle less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes.

- (b) Taxation of amusement games shall only be in an amount sufficient to pay the actual costs of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter by the county, city or town law enforcement agency and in no event shall such taxation exceed two percent of the gross receipts from the amusement game less the amount awarded as prizes.
- (c) No tax shall be imposed under the authority of this chapter on bingo or amusement games when such activities or any combination thereof are conducted by any bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization as defined in this chapter, which organization has no paid operating or management personnel and has gross receipts from bingo or amusement games, or a combination thereof, not exceeding ((five thousand dollars)) \$15,000 per year, less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes.
- (d) No tax shall be imposed on the first (($\frac{\text{ten thousand dollars}}{\text{thousand dollars}}$)) $\frac{\$15,000}{\text{of}}$ of gross receipts less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes from raffles conducted by any bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization as defined in this chapter.
- (e) Taxation of punchboards and pull-tabs for bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations is based on gross receipts from the operation of the games less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes, and shall not exceed a rate of ((ten)) 10 percent. At the option of the county, city-county, city, or town, the taxation of punchboards and pull-tabs for commercial stimulant operators may be based on gross receipts from the operation of the games, and may not exceed a rate of five percent, or may be based on gross receipts from the operation of the games less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes, and may not exceed a rate of ((ten)) 10 percent.
- (f) Taxation of social card games may not exceed (($\frac{1}{2}$)) $\underline{20}$ percent of the gross revenue from such games.
- (4) Taxes imposed under this chapter become a lien upon personal and real property used in the gambling activity in the same manner as provided for under RCW 84.60.010. The lien shall attach on the date the tax becomes due and shall relate back and have priority against real and personal property to the same extent as ad valorem taxes.

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SENATE BILL 5443

State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session

By Senators Cortes, Nobles, and Shewmake

Read first time 01/23/25. Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to requirements for fund-raising events of bona
- 2 fide charitable or nonprofit organizations; amending RCW 9.46.0277,
- 3 9.46.0315, 9.46.0321, 9.46.0323, and 9.46.356.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0277 and 2009 c 133 s 1 are each amended to 6 read as follows:
 - "Raffle," as used in this chapter, means a game in which tickets bearing an individual number are sold for not more than ((one hundred
- 9 $\frac{\text{dollars}}{\text{dollars}}$) $\frac{$250}{\text{each}}$ each and in which a prize or prizes are awarded on the
- 10 basis of a drawing from the tickets by the person or persons
- 11 conducting the game, when the game is conducted by a bona fide
- 12 charitable or nonprofit organization(($_{,}$ no person other than a bona
- 13 fide member of the organization takes any part in the management or
- 14 operation of the game,)) and no part of the proceeds thereof inure to
- 15 the benefit of any person other than the organization conducting the
- 16 game.

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- 17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.46.0315 and 2012 c 131 s 1 are each amended to 18 read as follows:
- 19 Bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations
- 20 organized primarily for purposes other than the conduct of raffles((au

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1 are hereby authorized to)) may conduct raffles without obtaining a license to do so from the commission when such raffles are held in 2 3 accordance with all other requirements of this chapter, other applicable laws, and rules of the commission; and when gross revenues 4 from all such raffles held by the organization during the calendar 5 6 year do not exceed ((five thousand dollars)) \$20,000; and when tickets to such raffles are sold only to, and winners are determined 7 only from among, the regular members of the organization conducting 8 the raffle. The organization may provide unopened containers of 9 beverages containing alcohol as raffle prizes if the appropriate 10 permit has been obtained from the liquor ((control)) and cannabis 11 board((: PROVIDED, That)). However, raffles that exceed ((five 12 thousand dollars)) \$20,000 may also be conducted ((pursuant to the 13 provisions of)) under this section if the organization obtains a 14 license from the commission: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the term members 15 16 for this purpose shall mean only those persons who have become 17 members prior to the commencement of the raffle and whose 18 qualification for membership was not dependent upon, or in any way 19 related to, the purchase of a ticket, or tickets, for such raffles.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.46.0321 and 1987 c 4 s 28 are each amended to read 21 as follows:

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Bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations organized primarily for purposes other than the conduct of such activities ((are hereby authorized to)) may conduct bingo, raffles, and amusement games, without obtaining a license to do so from the commission but only when:

- (1) Such activities are held in accordance with all other requirements of this chapter, other applicable laws, and rules of the commission;
- 30 (2) Said activities are((, alone or in any combination,))
 31 conducted no more than ((twice)) four times each calendar year and
 32 over a period of no more than ((twelve)) 12 consecutive days each
 33 time, notwithstanding the limitations of RCW 9.46.0205((: PROVIDED,
 34 That)). However, a raffle conducted under this subsection may be
 35 conducted for a period longer than ((twelve)) 12 days;
- 36 (3) Only bona fide members of that organization, who are not paid 37 for such services, participate in the management or operation of the 38 activities;

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(4) Gross revenues to the organization from ((all the activities together)) raffles do not exceed ((five thousand dollars)) \$20,000 during any calendar year;

- (5) Gross revenues to the organization from bingo and amusement games do not exceed \$10,000 during any calendar year;
- (6) All revenue therefrom, after deducting the cost of prizes and other expenses of the activity, is devoted solely to the purposes for which the organization qualifies as a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization;
- ((6) The organization gives notice at least five days in advance of the conduct of any of the activities to the local police agency of the jurisdiction within which the activities are to be conducted of the organization's intent to conduct the activities, the location of the activities, and the date or dates they will be conducted;)) and
- 15 (7) The organization conducting the activities maintains records 16 for a period of one year from the date of the event which accurately 17 show at a minimum the gross revenue from each activity, details of 18 the expenses of conducting the activities, and details of the uses to 19 which the gross revenue therefrom is put.
- **Sec. 4.** RCW 9.46.0323 and 2021 c 81 s 1 are each amended to read 21 as follows:
 - (1) A bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization, as defined in RCW 9.46.0209, ((whose primary purpose is serving individuals with intellectual disabilities)) may conduct enhanced raffles if licensed by the commission.
 - (2) The commission has the authority to approve ((two)) three enhanced raffles per calendar year for western Washington and ((two)) three enhanced raffles per calendar year for eastern Washington. Whether the enhanced raffle occurs in western Washington or eastern Washington will be determined by the location where the grand prize winning ticket is to be drawn as stated on the organization's application to the commission. An enhanced raffle is considered approved when voted on by the commission.
 - (3) The commission has the authority to approve enhanced raffles under the following conditions:
 - (a) The value of the grand prize must not exceed \$10,000,000.
- 37 (b) Sales may be made in person, by mail, by fax, or by telephone 38 only. Raffle ticket order forms may be printed from the bona fide

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charitable or nonprofit organization's website. Obtaining the form in this manner does not constitute a sale.

- (c) Tickets purchased as part of a multiple ticket package may be purchased at a discount.
- (d) Multiple smaller prizes are authorized during the course of an enhanced raffle for a grand prize including, but not limited to, early bird, refer a friend, and multiple ticket drawings.
- (e) A purchase contract is not necessary for smaller noncash prizes, but the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization must be able to demonstrate that such a prize is available and sufficient funds are held in reserve in the event that the winner chooses a noncash prize.
- (f) All enhanced raffles and associated smaller raffles must be independently audited, as defined by the commission during rule making. The audit results must be reported to the commission.
- (g) Call centers, when licensed by the commission, are authorized. The bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization may contract with a call center vendor to receive enhanced raffle ticket sales. The vendor may not solicit sales. The vendor may be located outside the state, but the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization must have a contractual relationship with the vendor stating that the vendor must comply with all applicable Washington state laws and rules.
- 24 (h) The bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization must be 25 the primary recipient of the funds raised.
 - (i) Sales data may be transmitted electronically from the vendor to the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization. Credit cards, issued by a state regulated or federally regulated financial institution, may be used for payment to participate in enhanced raffles.
- 31 (j) Receipts including ticket confirmation numbers may be sent to 32 ticket purchasers either by mail or by email.
 - (k) In the event the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization determines ticket sales are insufficient to qualify for a complete enhanced raffle to move forward, the enhanced raffle winner must receive ((fifty)) 50 percent of the net proceeds in excess of expenses as the grand prize. The enhanced raffle winner will receive a choice between an annuity value equal to ((fifty)) 50 percent of the net proceeds in excess of expenses paid by annuity

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- 1 over ((twenty)) 20 years, or a one-time cash payment of ((seventy))70 percent of the annuity value.
 - A bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization authorized to hire a consultant licensed by the commission to run an enhanced raffle; in addition, the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization must have a dedicated employee who is responsible for oversight of enhanced raffle operations. The bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization is ultimately responsible for ensuring that an enhanced raffle is conducted in accordance with all applicable state laws and rules.
 - (4) The commission has the authority to set fees for bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations, call center vendors, and consultants conducting enhanced raffles authorized under this section.
- 15 (5) The commission has the authority to adopt rules governing the 16 licensing and operation of enhanced raffles.
 - (6) Except as specifically authorized in this section, enhanced raffles must be held in accordance with all other requirements of this chapter, other applicable laws, and rules of the commission.
 - (7) For the purposes of this section:

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- (a) "Enhanced raffle" means a game in which tickets bearing an individual number are sold for not more than ((two hundred fifty dollars)) \$500 each and in which a grand prize and smaller prizes are awarded on the basis of drawings from the tickets by the person or persons conducting the game. An enhanced raffle may include additional related entries and drawings, such as early bird, refer a friend, and multiple ticket drawings when the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization establishes the eligibility standards for such entries and drawings before any enhanced raffle tickets are sold. No drawing may occur by using a random number generator or similar means.
- (b) "Early bird drawing" means a separate drawing for a separate prize held prior to the grand prize drawing. All tickets entered into the early bird drawing, including all early bird winning tickets, are entered into subsequent early bird drawings, and also entered into the drawing for the grand prize.
- (c) "Refer a friend drawing" means a completely separate drawing, using tickets distinct from those for the enhanced raffle, for a separate prize held at the conclusion of the enhanced raffle for all enhanced raffle ticket purchasers, known as the referring friend, who

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- (d) "Multiple ticket drawing" means a completely separate drawing, using tickets distinct from those for the enhanced raffle, for a separate prize held at the conclusion of the enhanced raffle for all enhanced raffle ticket purchasers who purchase a specified number of enhanced raffle tickets. For example, a multiple ticket drawing could include persons who purchase three or more enhanced raffle tickets in the same order, using the same payment information, with tickets in the same person's name. For each eligible enhanced raffle ticket purchased, the purchaser also receives a ticket for the multiple ticket drawing prize.
- (e) "Western Washington" includes those counties west of the Cascade mountains, including Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom.
- 21 (f) "Eastern Washington" includes those counties east of the 22 Cascade mountains that are not listed in (e) of this subsection.
 - (8) The commission's reporting obligations under RCW 9.46.090 must address enhanced raffles. The report must include results of the raffles, revenue generated by the raffles, and identify any state or federal regulatory actions taken in relation to enhanced raffles in Washington. The report must also make recommendations, if any, for policy changes to the enhanced raffle authority.
- **Sec. 5.** RCW 9.46.0356 and 2011 c 303 s 2 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
 - (1) The legislature authorizes:

- (a) A business or bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization to conduct a promotional contest of chance as defined in this section, in this state, or partially in this state, whereby the elements of prize and chance are present but in which the element of consideration is not present;
- 37 (b) A financial institution, as defined in RCW ((30.22.040))38 $\underline{30A.22.040}$, to conduct a promotional contest of chance under this 39 section in which: (i) A drawing for an annual prize is held that

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- includes as eligible prize recipients only those persons who deposited funds at the financial institution in a savings account, certificate of deposit, or any other savings program and retained those funds for at least twelve months in the savings account, certificate of deposit, or other savings program; and (ii) drawings for other prizes are held from time to time that include as eligible prize recipients only those persons who deposited funds at the financial institution in a savings account, certificate of deposit, or other savings program. No such contest may be conducted, either wholly or partially, by means of the internet.
 - (2) Promotional contests of chance under this section are not gambling as defined in RCW 9.46.0237.

- (3) Promotional contests of chance shall be conducted as advertising and promotional undertakings solely for the purpose of advertising or promoting the services, goods, wares, and merchandise of a business or mission of the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization.
- (a) Bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations may solicit a donation in a promotional contest of chance. The donation may not increase the chances of winning a prize.
- (b) Language indicating that no purchase or donation is necessary for entry must be present within the promotional advertisement.
 - (4) No person eligible to receive a prize in a promotional contest of chance under subsection (1)(a) of this section may be required to:
- (a) Pay any consideration to the promoter or operator of the business or bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization in order to participate in the contest; or
- (b) Purchase any service, goods, wares, merchandise, or anything of value from the business or donate or otherwise contribute to the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization, however, for other than contests entered through a direct mail solicitation, the promoter or sponsor may give additional entries or chances upon purchase of service, goods, wares, ((ex)) merchandise, or donation if the promoter or sponsor provides an alternate method of entry requiring no consideration.
- (5) No person eligible to receive a prize in a promotional contest of chance under subsection (1)(b) of this section may be required to pay any consideration other than the deposit of funds, or

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purchase any service, goods, wares, merchandise, or anything of value from the financial institution.

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- (6) (a) As used in this section, "consideration" means anything of pecuniary value required to be paid to the promoter or sponsor in order to participate in a promotional contest. Such things as visiting a business location, placing or answering a telephone call, completing an entry form or customer survey, or furnishing a stamped, self-addressed envelope do not constitute consideration.
- (b) Coupons or entry blanks obtained by purchase of a bona fide newspaper or magazine or in a program sold in conjunction with a regularly scheduled sporting event are not consideration.
- (7) Unless authorized by the commission, equipment or devices made for use in a gambling activity are prohibited from use in a promotional contest of chance.
- 15 (8) This section shall not be construed to permit noncompliance 16 with chapter 19.170 RCW, promotional advertising of prizes, and 17 chapter 19.86 RCW, unfair business practices.

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SENATE BILL 5512

State of Washington

69th Legislature

2025 Regular Session

By Senators Boehnke and King

- AN ACT Relating to allowing for the use of centralized surveillance systems by house-banked card rooms; adding new sections
- 3 to chapter 9.46 RCW; and creating a new section.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 The legislature finds that surveillance NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. 6 technologies currently utilized by house-banked card rooms licensed 7 by the Washington state gambling commission must be modernized to leverage advancements in technology that enhance the safety and 8 security of patrons, employees, and businesses. Outdated systems fail 9 10 to provide the level of oversight, efficiency, and accountability 11 required to address modern security challenges effectively.
- 12 legislature further finds that centralized surveillance systems for entities operating multiple locations offer significant 13 benefits. These systems streamline operations, reduce redundancies, 14 15 and ensure the consistent application of security protocols across 16 all sites. Centralized platforms allow management to monitor multiple locations in real time from a single hub, improving oversight, 17 enhancing accountability, and ensuring compliance with safety and 18 19 regulatory standards.
- Moreover, the legislature recognizes that modernized surveillance systems play a critical role in preventing criminal activities,

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- 1 identifying potential hazards, and resolving safety issues swiftly.
- 2 High-quality video footage collected through centralized systems not
- 3 only supports timely investigations but also provides clear and
- 4 actionable evidence for enforcement, improving the integrity and
- 5 trustworthiness of the regulatory process.
- 6 Therefore, the legislature intends to empower card room operators
- 7 with multiple locations to adopt centralized surveillance systems,
- 8 ensuring that regulatory frameworks evolve to meet the demands of
- 9 modern technology, strengthen public and workplace safety, and uphold
- 10 fair and transparent business practices.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
- 12 to read as follows:
- The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
- 14 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- 15 (1) "Centralized surveillance monitoring location" means a secure
- 16 room at a licensed house-banked card room with remote access to
- 17 surveillance systems of multiple licensed card rooms owned and
- 18 controlled by the same parent company. Access to surveillance systems
- 19 includes, but is not limited to, the viewing of video data signals
- 20 from cameras.
- 21 (2) "Closed-circuit television" means a surveillance system that
- 22 uses wired surveillance cameras connected to equipment secured in a
- 23 surveillance room for monitoring and recording purposes and which
- 24 video signals are not publicly distributed or accessible.
- 25 (3) "Surveillance room" means a secure location or locations on
- 26 the premises of a licensed card room that houses a portion of the
- 27 surveillance system including monitors, digital recording equipment,
- 28 servers, switches, and/or ancillary equipment.
- 29 (4) "Surveillance system" means a system containing video
- 30 cameras, monitors, digital recording equipment, servers, switches,
- 31 and/or ancillary equipment.
- 32 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
- 33 to read as follows:
- House-banked and class F card game licensees must receive written
- 35 approval from the commission before utilizing or operating a
- 36 centralized surveillance monitoring location. The following
- 37 conditions must be met:

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1 (1) Before a house-banked or class F card room is allowed to be monitored by a centralized surveillance monitoring location, they must submit internal controls to the commission in the format 3 determined by the commission; 4

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- (2) The house-banked card room that houses the centralized surveillance monitoring location must submit internal controls to the commission in the format determined by the commission; and
- (3) The centralized surveillance monitoring location must pass a 8 preoperational inspection conducted by the commission. 9
- 10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW 11 to read as follows:
- Any house-banked or class F card room being monitored by a 12 13 centralized surveillance monitoring location must have a closedcircuit television system on their premises and adhere to all 14 15 applicable rules.
- 16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW 17 to read as follows:
 - Centralized surveillance monitoring locations must:
- 19 (1) Be located on the licensed premises of a house-banked card 20 room;
 - (2) Have at least one monitoring station for each surveillance department employee working in the room. A "monitoring station" is a designated area for one surveillance department employee to work at which includes at least:
 - (a) A computer connected to one or more monitored house-banked card rooms that is capable of pulling up all cameras of a monitored house-banked card room and reviewing playback of recorded video to include forward, reverse, slow motion, and frame-by-frame;
- 29 A controller to utilize pan tilt zoom cameras. The 30 centralized surveillance monitoring location may have pan tilt zoom 31 override capabilities over the monitored house-banked card room's surveillance room; 32
- (c) Video monitors to view surveillance cameras and ability to 33 34 listen to required audio; and
- (d) A dedicated method of communication to communicate between 35 monitored house-banked card rooms and centralized surveillance 36 37 monitoring locations;

p. 3 SB 5512 (3) Have a sufficient number of video monitors at each monitoring station to simultaneously view multiple gambling tables, the cashier's cage, and count room activities;

- (4) Have an alarm device that signals centralized surveillance monitoring location employees when any count room door of a monitored house-banked card room is opened;
- (5) Have an alarm device that signals centralized surveillance monitoring location employees when the cage cashier manually triggers a silent alarm in the cage of a monitored house-banked card room;
- (6) Have an alarm device that signals centralized surveillance monitoring location employees when any surveillance room door of a monitored house-banked card room is opened; and
- 13 (7) Have a failure notification system for each monitored house-14 banked card room that provides immediate notification for any digital 15 recording equipment system failure.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW to read as follows:
 - The licensee who houses the centralized surveillance monitoring location must ensure that at least two surveillance department employees are present in the room and monitoring activities whenever one or more monitored house-banked card rooms are conducting gambling and during the count process. In addition, the licensee must:
 - (1) Control access to the room so that only licensed surveillance department employees use the room. Approved supervisory or management personnel may also enter the room to review activities, but only if they are licensed at each house-banked card room the centralized surveillance monitoring location monitors; and
 - (2) Have at least one surveillance department employee for every 15 house-banked gambling tables open for play with at least one dedicated surveillance department employee to observe the transporting of drop boxes of a house-banked card room or when the count takes place. For example, if there are seven house-banked card rooms being monitored with 45 house-banked gambling tables open for play then three surveillance department employees would be required. However, if there were also four soft counts taking place at the same time, at least four surveillance department employees would be required in the room.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW to read as follows:

Licensed locations that house a centralized surveillance monitoring location must ensure that:

- (1) Surveillance department employees are licensed at each housebanked card room monitored by the centralized surveillance monitoring location;
- 8 (2) A sign-in log, in the format determined by the commission, is 9 maintained to document anyone entering or leaving the room;
- 10 (3) Surveillance department employees keep a log of all surveillance activities, in the format determined by the commission, 12 for each house-banked card room monitored by the centralized surveillance monitoring location;
- 14 (4) Breaks for surveillance department employees are limited to 30 minutes or less per shift; and
- 16 (5) Any time a winning wager, a jackpot, or bonus pay out greater 17 than \$3,000 is won, surveillance department employees use pan-tilt-18 zoom cameras to verify:
- 19 (a) Winning hands;

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- 20 (b) Amounts of the wager;
- 21 (c) Amounts of the pay out; and
- 22 (d) Players who won the prize.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW to read as follows:
- In the event that the centralized surveillance monitoring location is unable to view any camera that covers required gambling areas at a monitored house-banked card room, the following conditions must be met:
- 29 (1) The licensed location must immediately notify supervisory 30 personnel at the monitored house-banked card room;
 - (2) The monitored house-banked card room must shut down gambling operations in specific areas of the card room not covered by a required camera until the camera feed is restored. Alternatively, if the onsite surveillance room is capable of viewing the required camera, the monitored house-banked card room may operate in the specific area once a licensed employee, as approved in the internal controls, staffs the surveillance room. For example, if a gambling table is not covered by a surveillance camera, the monitored house-banked card room must shut down the gambling table but may continue

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- 1 to operate other gambling tables at the card room where the 2 surveillance system is operational;
- 3 (3) The centralized surveillance monitoring location must 4 document the disruptions in a malfunction log in the format 5 determined by the commission; and
- 6 (4) The licensed location must report the issue to the commission 7 within 24 hours.
- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW 9 to read as follows:
- House-banked and class F card room licensees that utilize a centralized surveillance monitoring location must:
- 12 (1) Have a surveillance camera installed in the surveillance room 13 or rooms that views the surveillance equipment to include the digital 14 recording equipment, computers, and monitors. The centralized 15 surveillance monitoring location must have remote access to the 16 camera viewing the onsite surveillance room or rooms; and
- 17 (2) Grant the commission access to the surveillance room within 18 30 minutes. A licensed authorized card room employee, as approved in 19 the internal controls, who is knowledgeable in the operation of the 20 surveillance system must be available to assist the commission.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW to read as follows:
- Centralized surveillance monitoring locations may remotely access live or recorded surveillance footage from licensed card rooms under the following conditions:
 - (1) Remote viewing requires a dedicated and secure communication protocol or application utilizing encryption. Any communication must be secured from intrusion, interference, and eavesdropping;
 - (2) The licensed location must ensure security for all communications and data to prevent unauthorized access. These security measures should include, but are not limited to, current encryption standards for critical information, isolation from public networks, and use of firewalls;
 - (3) Laptops or computers used for remote viewing must:

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- 35 (a) Be dedicated to the closed-circuit television surveillance 36 systems being monitored;
- 37 (b) Have a mechanism to detect and prevent installation of 38 spyware, key loggers, hacking tools, or other malicious software;

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- 1 (c) Have regularly updated antivirus software protection;
 - (d) Employ active firewall software;
- 3 (e) Have a hardened operating system; and
- 4 (f) Have security vulnerability patching;
- 5 (4) The licensed location must ensure that access protocols are 6 embedded in the system software that prohibit users from rewriting 7 over storage discs, changing system configurations, or otherwise 8 making changes such as to cause the integrity of the system or the 9 historical data to be called into question;
 - (5) Prior to offering centralized surveillance and every license year thereafter, the licensee must have an independent technical expert, who is a licensed service supplier, perform a system integrity and security assessment of the surveillance system. The scope of the security assessment must include vulnerability and penetration testing. The independent technical expert's report must be submitted to the commission within 30 days of the report's completion and must include:
- 18 (a) The scope of the review;
- 19 (b) The name and company affiliation of the individuals who 20 conducted the assessment;
 - (c) The date of the assessment;
- 22 (d) Any findings;

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- 23 (e) Any recommended corrective action, if applicable; and
- 24 (f) The licensee's response to the findings and recommended 25 corrective action if applicable; and
- 26 (6) The licensed location must report any system security breach 27 to the commission within 24 hours.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW to read as follows:
- 30 Centralized surveillance monitoring locations must be able to 31 remotely access all surveillance camera views and required saved 32 video files from licensed card rooms they monitor. The following 33 video monitoring conditions must be met:
- 34 (1) There must be adequate bandwidth capacity and transmission 35 speed to ensure all monitored cameras have minimal live view latency 36 of less than a one second delay;
- 37 (2) Each camera view or saved video file called up for remote viewing at a centralized monitoring location must have:

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- 1 (a) Sufficient bandwidth speeds to show fluid motion equivalent 2 to 25 frames per second or better; and
- 3 (b) Sufficient clarity to clearly distinguish the value of 4 currency, coins, gaming chips, playing cards, and outcome of the 5 game; and
- 6 (3) Each camera view and required saved video files at a 7 monitored house-banked card room must be capable of having its video 8 picture displayed on all video monitors at a centralized surveillance 9 monitoring location.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW to read as follows:
- The commission shall adopt rules to implement chapter . . ., Laws of 2025 by January 1, 2026.

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SENATE BILL 5565

State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session

By Senators McCune, Boehnke, Fortunato, Holy, J. Wilson, Dozier, Torres, and Harris

- AN ACT Relating to permitting senior-focused groups to engage in
- 2 certain bingo gambling activities; and amending RCW 9.46.0209 and
- 3 9.46.0321.

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0209 and 2021 c 176 s 5202 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) (a) "Bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization," as used in this chapter, means:
- 9 (i) Any organization duly existing under the provisions of 10 chapter 24.12, 24.20, or 24.28 RCW, any agricultural fair authorized 11 under the provisions of chapter 15.76 or 36.37 RCW, or any nonprofit 12 corporation duly existing under the provisions of chapter 19.09 or
- 13 24.03A RCW for charitable, benevolent, eleemosynary, educational,
- 14 civic, patriotic, political, religious, scientific, social,
- 15 fraternal, athletic, or agricultural purposes only, or any nonprofit
- 16 organization, whether incorporated or otherwise, when found by the
- 17 commission to be organized and operating for one or more of the
- 18 aforesaid purposes only, all of which in the opinion of the
- 19 commission have been organized and are operated primarily for
- 20 purposes other than the operation of gambling activities authorized
- 21 under this chapter; or

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(ii) Any corporation which has been incorporated under Title 36 U.S.C. and whose principal purposes are to furnish volunteer aid to members of the armed forces of the United States and also to carry on a system of national and international relief and to apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other national calamities and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same.

- (b) An organization defined under (a) of this subsection must:
- (i) Have been organized and continuously operating for at least twelve calendar months immediately preceding making application for any license to operate a gambling activity, or the operation of any gambling activity authorized by this chapter for which no license is required; and
- (ii) Demonstrate to the commission that it has made significant progress toward the accomplishment of the purposes of the organization during the twelve consecutive month period preceding the date of application for a license or license renewal. The fact that contributions to an organization do not qualify for charitable contribution deduction purposes or that the organization is not otherwise exempt from payment of federal income taxes pursuant to the internal revenue code of 1954, as amended, shall constitute prima facie evidence that the organization is not a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization for the purposes of this section.
- (c) Any person, association or organization which pays its employees, including members, compensation other than is reasonable therefor under the local prevailing wage scale shall be deemed paying compensation based in part or whole upon receipts relating to gambling activities authorized under this chapter and shall not be a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization for the purposes of this chapter.
- 31 (2) For the purposes of RCW 9.46.0315 and 9.46.110, a bona fide 32 nonprofit organization can be licensed by the commission and 33 includes:
 - (a) A credit union organized and operating under state or federal law. All revenue less prizes and expenses received from raffles conducted by credit unions must be devoted to purposes authorized under this section for charitable and nonprofit organizations; and
 - (b) A group of executive branch state employees that:

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(i) Has requested and received revocable approval from the agency's chief executive official, or such official's designee, to conduct one or more raffles in compliance with this section;

- (ii) Conducts a raffle solely to raise funds for either the state combined fund drive, created under RCW 41.04.033; an entity approved to receive funds from the state combined fund drive; or a charitable or benevolent entity, including but not limited to a person or family in need, as determined by a majority vote of the approved group of employees. No person or other entity may receive compensation in any form from the group for services rendered in support of this purpose;
- (iii) Promptly provides such information about the group's receipts, expenditures, and other activities as the agency's chief executive official or designee may periodically require, and otherwise complies with this section and RCW 9.46.0315; and
- (iv) Limits the participation in the raffle such that raffle tickets are sold only to, and winners are determined only from, the employees of the agency.
- (3) For the purposes of RCW 9.46.0277, a bona fide nonprofit organization also includes a county, city, or town, provided that all revenue less prizes and expenses from raffles conducted by the county, city, or town must be used for community activities or tourism promotion activities.
- (4) For the purposes of bingo operated under RCW 9.46.0321, a bona fide nonprofit organization also includes a senior center, senior housing organization, senior living center, or a senior living community where the minimum age to reside in the community is 55 years of age.
- **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.46.0321 and 1987 c 4 s 28 are each amended to read 29 as follows:
 - Bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations organized primarily for purposes other than the conduct of such activities are hereby authorized to conduct bingo, raffles, and amusement games, without obtaining a license to do so from the commission but only when:
 - (1) Such activities are held in accordance with all other requirements of this chapter, other applicable laws, and rules of the commission;
- 38 (2) ((Said)) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, 39 <u>said</u> activities are, alone or in any combination, conducted no more

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than twice each calendar year and over a period of no more than twelve consecutive days each time, notwithstanding the limitations of RCW 9.46.0205: PROVIDED, That a raffle conducted under this subsection may be conducted for a period longer than twelve days;

- (b) A senior center, senior housing organization, senior living center, or a senior living community where the minimum age to reside in the community is 55 years of age may conduct a bingo game once each week;
- (3) Only bona fide members of that organization, who are not paid for such services, participate in the management or operation of the activities;
 - (4) ((Gross)) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, gross revenues to the organization from all the activities together do not exceed five thousand dollars during any calendar year;
 - (b) Gross revenues to a senior center, senior housing organization, senior living center, or a senior living community where the minimum age to reside in the community is 55 years of age from bingo do not exceed \$10,000 during any calendar year;
 - (5) All revenue therefrom, after deducting the cost of prizes and other expenses of the activity, is devoted solely to the purposes for which the organization qualifies as a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization;
 - (6) The organization gives notice at least five days in advance of the conduct of any of the activities to the local police agency of the jurisdiction within which the activities are to be conducted of the organization's intent to conduct the activities, the location of the activities, and the date or dates they will be conducted; and
 - (7) The organization conducting the activities maintains records for a period of one year from the date of the event which accurately show at a minimum the gross revenue from each activity, details of the expenses of conducting the activities, and details of the uses to which the gross revenue therefrom is put.

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SENATE BILL 5285

State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session

By Senators Holy, Lovick, J. Wilson, Warnick, Chapman, Dozier, Fortunato, Liias, and Riccelli

Read first time 01/15/25. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

- AN ACT Relating to incentivizing cities and counties to increase employment of commissioned law enforcement officers; reenacting and amending RCW 43.101.200; adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW; and creating a new section.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds the people of Washington have more reason to fear for their safety, with the incidence of violent crimes such as murder, rape, and aggravated assault reaching 25-year highs in the past few years, while the rate of property crime has ranked second highest in the nation over the past five years. The legislature also finds Washington ranks last in the nation for law enforcement officers per capita.
 - (2) The legislature finds the counties and cities of Washington should be served by a number of law enforcement officers at least equal to the national average per capita, and that law enforcement agencies should be encouraged to invest in innovative crime reduction efforts when possible. To avoid placing more burden on local governments and to promote equitable and consistent enforcement of laws among jurisdictions, it is therefore the intent of the legislature to provide a source of funding to support additional

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- local investments in law enforcement and public safety, with the goal of reducing violent and property crime.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14 4 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) (a) A county or city legislative authority may impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The rate of tax under this section is 0.10 percent of the selling price, in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.
- 10 (b) For a city imposing the sales and use tax under this section, 11 if the county in which the city is located also imposes the tax, the 12 city sales and use tax must be credited against the county tax.
 - (2) The tax authorized in this section is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and must be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the county. The tax authorized under this section is a credit against the state tax under chapter 82.08 or 82.12 RCW. The department must perform the collection of such taxes on behalf of the county or city at no cost to the county or city and must remit the tax to the jurisdiction as provided in RCW 82.14.060.
 - (3) (a) Subject to (b) of this subsection, all money received under this section must be used solely for employing additional commissioned law enforcement officers.
 - (b) If the local commissioned rate per 1,000 population is greater than the national commissioned rate per 1,000 population, the city or county may use money received under this section in the current calendar year for criminal justice purposes. To determine the local and national commissioned rate per 1,000 population, law enforcement employment data and jurisdictional population data provided to the federal uniform crime program, as of October of the prior calendar year, must be used.
- 33 (4) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions 34 apply.
 - (a) "Criminal justice purposes" means activities that substantially assist the criminal justice system, which may include circumstances where ancillary benefit to the civil justice system occurs, and which includes domestic violence services such as those provided by domestic violence programs, community advocates, and

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legal advocates, as defined in RCW 70.123.020. After May 13, 2021, through December 31, 2026, criminal justice purposes includes local government programs that have a reasonable relationship to reducing the number of people interacting with the criminal justice system including, but not limited to, reducing homelessness and improving behavioral health.

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- (b) "Local commissioned rate per 1,000 population" means the total full-time commissioned law enforcement officers of the city or county, divided by the population, and multiplied by 1,000.
- 10 (c) "National commissioned rate per 1,000 population" means the 11 total full-time commissioned law enforcement officers for all 12 agencies, divided by the total agency population, and multiplied by 13 1,000.
- 14 (d) "Uniform crime program" means the federal law enforcement 15 reporting and statistics program operated by the criminal justice 16 information services division of the federal bureau of investigation.
 - **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.101.200 and 2024 c 376 s 908 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, all law enforcement personnel, except volunteers, and reserve officers whether paid or unpaid, initially employed on or after January 1, 1978, shall engage in basic law enforcement training which complies with standards adopted by the commission pursuant to RCW 43.101.080. For personnel initially employed before January 1, 1990, such training shall be successfully completed during the first ((fifteen)) 15 months of employment of such personnel unless otherwise extended or waived by the commission and shall be requisite to the continuation of such employment. Personnel initially employed on or after January 1, 1990, shall commence basic training during the first six months of employment unless the basic training requirement is otherwise waived or extended by the commission. Successful completion of basic training is requisite to the continuation of employment of such personnel initially employed on or after January 1, 1990.
 - (2)(a) All law enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace officers and whose employment commences on or after July 1, 2023, shall commence basic training during the first 12 months of employment unless the basic training requirement is otherwise waived or extended by the commission. Successful completion

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of basic training is requisite to the continuation of employment of such personnel initially employed on or after July 1, 2023.

- (b)(i) The commission shall review the training files of all law enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace officers, whose employment commenced prior to July 1, 2023, and who have not successfully completed training that complies with standards adopted by the commission, to determine what, if any, supplemental training is required to appropriately carry out the officers' duties and responsibilities.
- (ii) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to require law enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace officers, whose employment commenced prior to July 1, 2023, to complete the basic law enforcement training academy as a condition of continuing employment as a limited authority Washington peace officer.
- (iii) Law enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace officers are not required to complete the basic law enforcement academy or an equivalent basic academy upon transferring to a general authority Washington law enforcement agency or limited authority Washington law enforcement agency, as defined in RCW 10.93.020, if they have:
- (A) Been employed as a special agent with the Washington state gambling commission, been a natural resource investigator with the department of natural resources, been a liquor enforcement officer with the liquor and cannabis board, been an investigator with the office of the insurance commissioner, or been a park ranger with the Washington state parks and recreation commission, before or after July 1, 2023; and
- (B) Received a certificate of successful completion from the basic law enforcement academy or the basic law enforcement equivalency academy and thereafter engaged in regular and commissioned law enforcement employment with an agency listed in (b)(iii)(A) of this subsection without a break or interruption in excess of 24 months; and
- (C) Remained current with the in-service training requirements as adopted by the commission by rule.
- (3) Except as provided in RCW 43.101.170, the commission shall provide the aforementioned training and shall have the sole authority to do so. The commission shall provide necessary facilities, supplies, materials, and the board and room of noncommuting attendees

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for seven days per week, except during the 2017-2019, 2019-2021, and 1 2021-2023 fiscal biennia, and during fiscal year 2024, when the 2 employing, county, city, or state law enforcement agency shall 3 reimburse the commission for ((twenty-five)) 25 percent of the cost 4 of training its personnel. Additionally, to the extent funds are 5 6 provided for this purpose, the commission shall reimburse to participating law enforcement agencies with ((ten)) 10 or less full-7 time commissioned patrol officers the cost of temporary replacement 8 of each officer who is enrolled in basic law enforcement training: 9 PROVIDED, That such reimbursement shall include only the actual cost 10 11 of temporary replacement not to exceed the total amount of salary and 12 benefits received by the replaced officer during his or her training 13 period:

PROVIDED FURTHER, That limited authority Washington law enforcement agencies as defined in RCW 10.93.020 shall reimburse the commission for the full cost of training their personnel.

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(4) Beginning with fiscal year 2026, the commission must provide at least 27 basic law enforcement training classes. Beginning with fiscal year 2027, the commission must provide at least 28 basic law enforcement training classes each fiscal year. The legislature must appropriate sufficient funding to the commission for this purpose.

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SENATE BILL 5621

State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session

By Senators Stanford, Kauffman, Chapman, Trudeau, Saldaña, Muzzall, Ramos, Conway, Wagoner, Braun, and Nobles

Read first time 01/31/25. Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to electronic raffles at live sporting events;
- 2 and amending RCW 9.46.0277.

receipts collected.

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- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0277 and 2009 c 133 s 1 are each amended to 5 read as follows:
 - "Raffle," as used in this chapter, means a game in which tickets bearing an individual number are sold for not more than one hundred dollars each and in which a prize or prizes are awarded on the basis of a drawing from the tickets by the person or persons conducting the game, when the game is conducted by a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization, no person other than a bona fide member of the organization takes any part in the management or operation of the game, and no part of the proceeds thereof inure to the benefit of any person other than the organization conducting the game. "Raffle" does not include an electronic raffle conducted at a live sporting event where the total prize amount is 50 percent of the gross gambling

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Agency Project Updates – Polaris and Lexipol Policies

February 20, 2025 Gary Drumheller, Deputy Director

Protect the public by ensuring that gambling is legal and honest.

Polaris – IT Modernization



Challenges of IT Modernization: Polaris

- Legacy outdate system
- Budget limitations
- Change resistance
- Investigation issues
- Data security concerns



Quality Assurance (QA) Assessment





Category	Trending	November Assessment	December Assessment	January Assessment
Overall Project Health Rating	1	3.1	3.1	3.5
1.0 Scope	1	3	3	4
2.0 Schedule	1	3	3	4
3.0 Budget		3	3	3
4.0 Quality and Business Outcomes	1	3	3	4
5.0 Team		3	3	3
6.o Communications and Stakeholders		3	3	3
7.0 Governance		3	3	3
8.o Risk, Issues, and Decisions		3	3	4
9.0 Procurement / Vendor Management		3	3	3
10.0 Training and Business Readiness		4	4	4

Where We Are In The Process

- MERP (Implementor) has provided the draft deliverables (user stories/processes).
- Staff is working through each story for accuracy and content.
- Next step is the development phase.



Year Ahead

Activity	Start Date	End Date	Duration
Program Increment 1	2/1/2025	3/31/2025	40 days
Program Increment 2	4/1/2025	6/30/035	63 days
Program Increment 3	7/1/2025	9/30/2025	64 days
Program Increment 4	10/1/2025	12/12/2025	48 days
Training	12/15/2025	12/19/2025	5 days
Pre-deployment	12/22/2025	12/24/2025	4 days
Deployment	12/26/2025	12/26/2025	1 day
Go Live	12/30/2025	12/30/2025	1 day
Post-production Support	12/30/2025	1/13/2026	10 days



Thank You, Polaris Team Members.

Questions?

Lexipol





Lexipol

- Completed transition to Lexipol on February 1st.
- Policies have been updated to meet best practices.
- We have converted and/or created 174 new polices.
- Staff is in the process of reading the remainder policies sent to them at the end of January.



Thank You!

Essential workers trying to process the 35th policy change in the last 3 weeks

