



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION

**“Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest”**

March 10, 2023

<b>TO:</b>	<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>EX OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>
	Alicia Levy, Chair	Senator Steve Conway
	Julia Patterson, Vice-Chair	Senator Jeff Holy
	Bud Sizemore	Representative Shelley Kloba
	Sarah Lawson	Representative Skylar Rude

**FROM:** Tommy Oakes, Interim Legislative Liaison

**SUBJECT: MARCH 2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Important legislative cutoffs for this meeting are:

March 8, 2023, House of Origin Cutoff

March 29, 2023, Committee Cutoff

### **Agency Request Legislation**

Our agency request bill HB [SHB 1132](#)

Relating to the oversight and training requirements for limited authority peace officers and agencies. This will allow our law enforcement officers to be trained and certified. **It passed out of the House unanimously last week and has been assigned to the Senate Law and Justice Committee.**

**Bills with Direct Gambling Industry Impacts that are still alive in the legislative process:**

1. **[HB 1824, Authorizing bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations to conduct auctions on shooting sports and activities sweepstakes.](#)**  
This is the same bill as HB 1438 that we talked about last month. It has a new title and contains the changes the staff recommended. This bill would change the law to allow charitable and nonprofits to hold auctions on sport shooting contests like in [RCW 9.46.0341: Golfing sweepstakes authorized. \(wa.gov\)](#). **This bill passed out of the House this week and is now in the Senate Business, Financial Services, Gaming, and Trade Committee.**
2. **[2SHB 1681/2SSB 5634 Relating to Problem Gambling](#)**

These bills contain the recommendations of the Problem Gambling Task Force. You voted last month to support these bills. **2SHB 1681 passed out of the House and 2SSB 5634 is on the Senate floor.**

3. **HB 1707 Relating to bingo conducted by bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations.** This bill would change from allowing bingo only in the county where the organization is principally located to allowing the organization to operate outside of the county if they are principally located in this state. It has a limitation of no more than 3 licenses. **This bill has been passed out of the House and is now in the Senate Business, Financial Services, Gaming, and Trade Committee.**

**Also of note, congratulations to Commissioner Lawson who was confirmed by the Senate unanimously this month.**

I will verbally update you on anything that happens between now and Friday!