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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Heavey, West, Schow, Deccio, Rasmussen, Brown, McCaslin and Goings)

Brief Title: Benefiting the equine industry.

**SB 5762-S.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that upon written application to the commission, a class 1 racing association may be authorized to transmit simulcasts of live horse races conducted at its racetrack to locations outside of the state of Washington approved by the commission and in accordance with the interstate horse racing act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. Sec. 3001 to 3007) or any other applicable laws.

Provides that upon written application to the commission, a class 1 racing association may be authorized to transmit simulcasts of live horse races conducted at its racetrack to licensed racing associations located within the state of Washington and approved by the commission for the receipt of the simulcasts.

Provides that a class 1 racing association may be allowed to import simulcasts of horse races from out-of-state racing facilities.

Declares that this act does not establish a new form of gaming in Washington or allow expanded gaming within the state beyond what has been previously authorized. This act is necessary to protect the Washington equine breeding and racing industries. The purpose is to protect live horseracing and promote fan attendance at class 1 racing facilities. Therefore, imported simulcast race card programs shall not be disseminated to any location outside the live racing facility of the class 1 racing association.

Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct an evaluation to determine the extent to which the act has achieved the desired outcome for a report by December 1, 2000.

Repeals RCW 67.16.190 and 67.16.250.