

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5681

As of March 31, 2015

Title: An act relating to state lottery accounts.

Brief Description: Concerning state lottery accounts.

Sponsors: Senators Hill and Angel; by request of Office of Financial Management.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/09/15.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Julie Murray (786-7711)

Background: The Washington Lottery was established in 1982. The Lottery sells a variety of products, including scratch-off ticket games, Keno, multi-jurisdictional number-picking games such as Powerball and Mega Millions, and other games of chance. Lottery revenues are used to fund the following purposes: (1) Washington Opportunity Pathways Account; (2) debt payments on stadium bonds; (3) problem gambling education; (4) economic development; and (5) the general fund.

The State Lottery Account is a non-appropriated enterprise account for all revenues from the sale of lottery products and expenses for payment of prizes to lottery winners, cost of sales, and retailer commissions. The State Lottery Account must be a separate account outside the state treasury. The Lottery Administrative Account is an appropriated account in the state treasury used to fund costs incurred in the operations and administration of the Lottery.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): On June 30 of each fiscal year, any balance of unclaimed prizes in excess of \$10 million must be transferred to the Washington Opportunity Pathways Account. Funds in the Lottery Administrative Account may be used to fund Lottery revenue forecasts by the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This is an Office of Financial Management request bill. We are fine with the proposed substitute, which accomplishes the purpose of pouring excess unclaimed prize money into the Washington Opportunity Pathways Account.

Persons Testifying: PRO: John Lane, Office of Financial Management.

Persons Signed in to Testify But Not Testifying: No one.