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1 WHEREAS, Legalized wagering in Washington State has increased
2 significantly during the past two decades; and

3 WHEREAS, Legalized wagering in neighboring states is expanding into
4 such games as keno and video poker and is expected to continue
5 increasing during the coming years; and

6 WHEREAS, Under Federal law, tribal gambling has expanded into
7 casino gambling; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States Congress recently authorized coastal
9 gambling on cruise ships; and

10 WHEREAS, The State's public policy has been to prevent organized
11 crime from infiltrating legalized gambling; and

12 WHEREAS, Increased competition for the gambling dollar will result
13 in pressure to legislate increases in the nature and scope of gambling
14 currently authorized in the State; and

15 WHEREAS, The State's public policy on gambling, in many respects,
16 has not been clearly defined;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
18 the State of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a legislative task
19 force on Washington state gambling policy be established to examine:
20 (1) The current nature and scope of legal gambling within the State;
21 (2) the future of gambling in the State, in light of recent expansion,

1 the authorization of tribal and coastal gambling, and increased
2 competition for the gambling dollar; and (3) the need for more clearly
3 defining the State's public policy on gambling; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force consist of ten voting
5 members, three members from the majority caucus and two members from
6 the minority caucus of the Senate, appointed by the President of the
7 Senate; at least one member from each caucus shall be a member of the
8 Senate labor and commerce committee; and three members from the
9 majority caucus and two members from the minority caucus of the House
10 of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives; at least one member from each caucus shall be a member
12 of the House commerce and labor committee. In addition, the Washington
13 state gambling commission, the Washington state horse racing
14 commission, and the Washington state lottery commission shall cooperate
15 with the task force and maintain a liaison representative, who shall be
16 a nonvoting member. The task force shall choose its chair and vice-
17 chair from among its membership; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force, where feasible, may
19 consult with individuals from the public and private sector or ask such
20 persons to establish an advisory committee; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall use legislative
22 staff and facilities. All expenses of the task force, including
23 travel, shall be paid jointly by the Senate and the House of
24 Representatives; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force report its findings and
26 recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 1994; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall expire July 1,
28 1994.

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