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

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

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

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall expire July 1,
26 1994.

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