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Sponsor(s): Representatives Wood and Schmidt

Brief Description: Treating pathological gambling problems.

**HB 2701 - DIGEST**

Establishes a program for the treatment of pathological gambling within the department of social and health services, to be administered by a qualified person who has training and experience in handling pathological gambling problems or the organization or administration of treatment services for persons suffering from pathological gambling problems.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the division of alcohol and substance abuse in the department of social and health services for the treatment of pathological gamblers.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, from the general fund to the division of alcohol and substance abuse in the department of social and health services for the treatment of pathological gamblers.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the Washington state gambling commission for use in problem gambling prevention, youth education, public awareness, training, and helpline services.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, from the general fund to the Washington state gambling commission for use in problem gambling prevention, youth education, public awareness, training, and helpline services.