

6560-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Prentice; by request of Governor Locke)

Brief Description: Allowing the lottery commission to participate in a shared game lottery.

SB 6560-S2.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that, pursuant to RCW 67.70.040(1)(a), the commission may enter into agreements with one or more states to create and maintain a shared game lottery.

Recognizes that creating a shared game lottery could result in less revenue being raised by the existing state lottery ticket sales.

Recognizes that the two funds most impacted by this potential event are the student achievement fund and the education construction account.

Declares an intent to use some of the proceeds from the shared game lottery to make up the difference that the potential state lottery revenue loss would have on the student achievement fund and the education construction account.

Provides that, for fiscal year 2003, the commission shall transfer from revenues derived from the shared game lottery to the violence reduction and drug enforcement account under RCW 69.50.520 five hundred thousand dollars exclusively for the treatment of pathological gambling as prescribed by this act.

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 and administration of treatment services for persons suffering from pathological gambling problems. The department shall track program participation and client outcomes.

Requires the department of social and health services to report to the legislature by September 1, 2002, with a plan for implementing this act.

Requires the department of social and health services to report to the legislature by November 1, 2003, on program participation and client outcomes.

Provides that the remaining net revenues, if any, in the shared game lottery account after the transfers must be deposited into the general fund.