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SENATE BILL 6333

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By Senators Ericksen and Dansel

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1            AN ACT Relating to fantasy sports contests; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 9.46 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) Fantasy competitions are considered by the state as games of  
7 skill and are specifically exempted from any classification as  
8 gambling.

9            (2) For the purposes of this section, "fantasy competitions"  
10 means any fantasy or simulated sports game or educational game or  
11 contest that involves a fantasy team that is not based on the current  
12 membership of an actual team that is a member of an amateur or  
13 professional sports organization and that meets the following  
14 conditions:

15            (a) All prizes and awards offered to winning participants are  
16 established and made known to the participants in advance of the game  
17 or contest and the value of the prizes and awards is not determined  
18 by the number of participants or the amount of any fees paid by those  
19 participants.

20            (b) All winning outcomes reflect the relative knowledge and skill  
21 of the participants and are determined predominantly by accumulated

1 statistical results of the performance of individuals in multiple  
2 real world sporting or other events.

3 (c) A winning outcome is not based:

4 (i) On the score, point spread, or performance of any single real  
5 world team or any combination of teams; or

6 (ii) Solely on any single performance of an individual athlete in  
7 any single real world sporting or other event.

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