



**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

*"Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"*

**Commission Position Statement  
House Bill 1287  
February 2011**

At the Washington State Gambling Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on February 10, 2011, the Commissioners voted unanimously in support of House Bill 1287, which establishes a government-to-government relationship between state government and Indian Tribes.

Most of the provisions codify an approach the Commission has taken with Indian Tribes for many years. Commission staff has participated in at least 16 of the 21 Centennial Accords. Commission staff already collaborate with Indian Tribes as we develop programs that directly impact the Tribes. The Commission requires agency staff that work with Tribes to receive tribal relations training; typically we take the class offered through the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs. We also submit an annual report to the Governor on our activities involving the Indian Tribes for the Centennial Accord.