

Commission Position Statement
House Bill 2232/Senate Bill 6175
January 2012

At the Washington State Gambling Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on January 12, 2012, the Commissioners voted unanimously in support of House Bill 2232/Senate Bill 6175, companion bills which establish a government-to-government relationship between state government and federally recognized Indian Tribes.

Most of the provisions codify an approach the Commission has taken with Indian Tribes for many years. Commission staff have participated in at least 17 of the 22 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 and 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.