



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

**Commission Position Statement
House Bill 2355
January 2010**

At the Washington State Gambling Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on January 14, 2010, the Commissioners discussed HB 2355, which modifies the definition of gambling. The Commission voted unanimously in support of the bill.

This bill is needed in light of a court decision that was issued during the 2009 legislative session. Our concern with the decision is that it has broader implications than just the case that was before the court. If the definition is left unchanged, the case creates an opening for crimes, such as bookmaking and professional gambling, and other potential circumventions of the Gambling Act.

Because of these concerns, the Commission supports HB 2355.

