

Commission Position Statement
House Bill 2394
January 2010

At the Washington State Gambling Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on January 14, 2010, the Commissioners voted unanimously in support of House Bill 2394, which establishes a government-to-government relationship between state government and Indian Tribes and creates the joint legislative committee on state and tribal affairs.

Most of the provisions of the bill codify an approach the Commission has taken with Indian Tribes for many years. Commission staff has participated in 15 of the 20 Centennial Accords. Commission staff already collaborate with Indian Tribes as we develop programs that directly impact the Tribes. The Commission has, for many years, had a Tribal Liaison that reports to the Gambling Commission Director and staff are already required to receive training on effective communication with Tribes. The Commission also submits an annual report to the Governor on activities involving the Tribes for the Centennial Accord.