STATE OF WASHINGTON

GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

September 10, 2020

TO:	**COMMISSIONERS**	**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**
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	Alicia Levy	Representative Shelley Kloba
	Lauren King	Representative Brandon Vick

FROM: Brian J. Considine, Legal and Legislative Manager

SUBJECT: 2021 Agency Request Legislation

At our July and August public meeting, we decided to move forward with two priorities for agency request legislation:

1. Budget Package
    a. $6 million sports wagering loan forgiveness
    b. Funding for agency's criminal enforcement of unlicensed gambling activities
2. Nonprofit Bingo
    a. Low Stakes Bingo at Senior Housing/Community Centers
    b. Changes to the definition of raffle.

Our deadline to submit our budget package and agency request legislation to the Governor's Office is Monday, September 14, 2020.

CFO Chris Stanley is putting together the budget packages above. He will brief you on the proposals and ask for your approval during his budget presentations.

I have included with this memo our 2021 Agency Request Legislation Package. I will ask you to take final action and approve this package for submission to the Governor's Office.

The attached proposal will amend our nonprofit qualification statute (RCW 9.46.0209) and our unlicensed nonprofit "public" activity statute (RCW 9.46.0321) in an attempt to address the low stakes senior bingo complaints and concerns we have received in the past. The proposed bill will also raise the twice-per-year limit in RCW 9.46.0321 for bingo, raffles, and amusement games to twelve times per year. However, the $5,000 gross gambling receipts limit will not be changed. This will allow some of our lower earning nonprofits the ability to hold more activities each year without being licensed. This is beneficial to the agency because we can be more effective in the use of our resources if we do not need to expend staff time and resources collecting licensing fees and quarterly reports from our lowest earning nonprofit licensees.

Lastly, we removed the section changing the definition of raffle determining that it was not necessary at this time.