

**SB 6137** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The state has long prohibited all forms  
4 and means of gambling except where carefully and specifically  
5 authorized and regulated. The legislature intends to bolster the  
6 regulated sports wagering industry. Currently, sports wagering in  
7 Washington is offered exclusively by tribal casinos subject to gaming  
8 compacts entered pursuant to the Indian gaming regulatory act. This  
9 offering has proven to meet the state's policy of offering gambling  
10 only in a highly regulated environment that is safe for the public.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.46.038 and 2020 c 127 s 11 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1)(a) For purposes of this chapter, "sports wagering" means the  
14 business of accepting wagers on any of the following sporting events,  
15 athletic events, or competitions by any system or method of wagering:

16 (i) A professional sport or athletic event;

17 (ii) A collegiate sport or athletic event;

18 (iii) An Olympic or international sports competition or event;

19 (iv) An electronic sports or esports competition or event;

20 (v) A combination of sporting events, athletic events, or  
21 competitions listed in (a)(i) through (iv) of this subsection (1); or

22 (vi) A portion of any sporting event, athletic event, or  
23 competition listed in (a)(i) through (iv) of this subsection (1).

24 (b) Sports wagering does not include the business of accepting  
25 wagers on horse racing authorized pursuant to chapter 67.16 RCW.

26 (2) For purposes of this section:

27 (a) "Collegiate sport or athletic event" means a sport or  
28 athletic event offered or sponsored by, or played in connection with,  
29 a public or private institution that offers education services beyond  
30 the secondary level (~~(, other than such an institution that is located~~

1 within the state of Washington)). Sports wagering may not be  
2 conducted on:

3 (i) The performance or nonperformance of any specifically named  
4 individual participant in any collegiate sport or athletic event who  
5 is enrolled in an educational institution located within the state of  
6 Washington;

7 (ii) An in-game decision made by a coach who is employed by an  
8 educational institution located within the state of Washington; or

9 (iii) An officiating decision in a collegiate sport or athletic  
10 event offered or sponsored by, or played in connection with, an  
11 educational institution that is located within the state of  
12 Washington.

13 (b) "Electronic or esports event" means a live event or  
14 tournament attended or watched by members of the public where games  
15 or matches are contested in real time by players and teams and  
16 players or teams can win a prize based on their performance in the  
17 live event or tournament.

18 (c) "In-game decision" means a player substitution, a call for a  
19 timeout, a request or challenge for replay review, or an appeal of an  
20 officiating decision.

21 (d) "Officiating decision" includes, but is not limited to, an  
22 officiating assignment, a call or ruling for a penalty, foul,  
23 violation, or replay, or any other decision by a sports official,  
24 referee, or umpire that involves the individual's judgment.

25 (e) "Professional sport or athletic event" means an event that is  
26 not a collegiate sport or athletic event at which two or more persons  
27 participate in sports or athletic events and receive compensation in  
28 excess of actual expenses for their participation in the event.  
29 "Professional sport or athletic event" does not include any minor  
30 league sport. Sports wagering may not be conducted on any minor  
31 league sport.

32 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.46.0364 and 2020 c 127 s 2 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 (1) Upon the request of a federally recognized Indian tribe or  
35 tribes in the state of Washington, the tribe's class III gaming  
36 compact may be amended pursuant to the Indian gaming regulatory act,  
37 25 U.S.C. Sec. 2701 et seq., and RCW 9.46.360 to authorize the tribe  
38 to conduct and operate sports wagering on ~~((its))~~ Indian lands,  
39 provided the amendment addresses: Licensing; fees associated with the

1 gambling commission's regulation of sports wagering; how sports  
2 wagering will be conducted, operated, and regulated; issues related  
3 to criminal enforcement, including money laundering, sport integrity,  
4 and information sharing between the commission and the tribe related  
5 to such enforcement; and responsible and problem gambling. Sports  
6 wagering conducted pursuant to the gaming compact is a gambling  
7 activity authorized by this chapter.

8 (2) Sports wagering conducted pursuant to the provisions of a  
9 class III gaming compact entered into by a tribe and the state  
10 pursuant to RCW 9.46.360 is authorized bookmaking and is not subject  
11 to civil or criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 9.46.225.

12 **Sec. 4.** RCW 9.46.0368 and 2020 c 127 s 9 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 The transmission of gambling information over the internet for  
15 any sports wagering conducted and operated under this section and RCW  
16 9.46.0364 is authorized, provided that the wager may be placed and  
17 accepted at a tribe's gaming facility only while the customer placing  
18 the wager is physically present on the premises of ~~((that))~~ a tribe's  
19 gaming facility.

20 **Sec. 5.** RCW 9.46.037 and 2020 c 127 s 5 are each amended to read  
21 as follows:

22 (1) (a) No person shall offer, promise, give, or attempt to give  
23 any thing of value to any person for the purpose of influencing the  
24 outcome of a sporting event, athletic event, or competition upon  
25 which a wager may be made.

26 ~~((2))~~ (b) No person shall place, increase, or decrease a wager  
27 after acquiring knowledge, not available to the general public, that  
28 anyone has been offered, promised, or given any thing of value for  
29 the purpose of influencing the outcome of a sporting event, athletic  
30 event, or competition upon which the wager is placed, increased, or  
31 decreased.

32 ~~((3))~~ (c) No person shall offer, promise, give, or attempt to  
33 give any thing of value to obtain confidential or insider information  
34 not available to the public with intent to use the information to  
35 gain a wagering advantage on a sporting event, athletic event, or  
36 competition.

37 ~~((4))~~ (d) No person shall accept or agree to accept, any thing  
38 of value for the purpose of wrongfully influencing his or her play,

1 action, decision making, or conduct in any sporting event, athletic  
2 event, or competition upon which a wager may be made.

3 ~~((+5))~~ (e) Any person who violates this ~~((section))~~ subsection  
4 (1) shall be guilty of a class C felony subject to the penalty set  
5 forth in RCW 9A.20.021.

6 (2)(a) No person shall knowingly threaten a sports official,  
7 coach, or participant involved in a sporting event, athletic event,  
8 or competition upon which a wager may be made where the threat is  
9 related to a wager on an act or occurrence in that sporting event,  
10 athletic event, or competition.

11 (i) A person violates this subsection (2)(a) if:

12 (A) Without lawful authority, the person threatens:

13 (I) To cause bodily injury immediately or in the future to the  
14 person threatened; or

15 (II) To cause physical damage immediately or in the future to the  
16 property of the person threatened; or

17 (B) The person by words or conduct places the person threatened  
18 in reasonable fear that the threat will be carried out. For the  
19 purposes of this subsection, "words or conduct" includes, in addition  
20 to any other form of communication or conduct, the sending of an  
21 electronic communication.

22 (ii) Threatening words do not constitute a violation of this  
23 subsection (2)(a) if it is apparent to the sports official, coach, or  
24 participant that the person does not have the present and future  
25 ability to carry out the threat.

26 (b) Any person who violates (a) of this subsection shall be  
27 guilty of a gross misdemeanor subject to the penalty set forth in RCW  
28 9A.20.021.

29 (c) Any person who is convicted of violating this subsection (2)  
30 may not place any sports wagers.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If any provision of this act or its  
32 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
33 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
34 persons or circumstances is not affected.

35 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This act may be known and cited as the  
36 sports wagering integrity act."

37 Correct the title.

EFFECT: • Prohibits sports wagering on:

- o An in-game decision made by a coach who is employed by an educational institution located within Washington; and
- o An officiating decision in a collegiate sport or athletic event offered or sponsored by, or played in connection with, an educational institution that is located within Washington.
- Defines "in-game decision" to mean a player substitution, a call for a timeout, a request or challenge for replay review, or an appeal of an officiating decision.
- Defines "officiating decision" to include an officiating assignment, a call or ruling for a penalty, foul, violation, or replay, or any other decision by a sports official, referee, or umpire that involves the individual's judgment.
- Makes it a gross misdemeanor to threaten a sports official, coach, or participant involved in a sporting event, athletic event, or competition upon which a wager may be made where the threat is related to a wager on an act or occurrence in that sporting event, athletic event, or competition. Prohibits a person who has been convicted of threatening a sports official, coach, or participant from placing any sports wagers.

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