

RCW 67.70.340 Transfer of shared game lottery proceeds. (1) The legislature recognizes that creating a shared game lottery could result in less revenue being raised by the existing state lottery ticket sales. The legislature further recognizes that the fund most impacted by this potential event is the Washington opportunity pathways account. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to use some of the proceeds from the shared game lottery to make up the difference that the potential state lottery revenue loss would have on the Washington opportunity pathways account. The legislature further intends to use some of the proceeds from the shared game lottery to fund programs and services related to problem gambling and gambling disorder.

(2) The Washington opportunity pathways account is expected to receive \$102,000,000 annually from state lottery games other than the shared game lottery. For fiscal year 2011 and thereafter, if the amount of lottery revenues earmarked for the Washington opportunity pathways account is less than \$102,000,000, the commission, after making the transfer required under subsection (3) of this section, must transfer sufficient moneys from revenues derived from the shared game lottery into the Washington opportunity pathways account to bring the total revenue up to \$102,000,000.

(3) (a) The commission shall transfer, from revenue derived from the shared game lottery, to the problem gambling account created in RCW 41.05.751, an amount equal to the percentage specified in (b) of this subsection of net receipts. For purposes of this subsection, "net receipts" means the difference between (i) revenue received from the sale of lottery tickets or shares and revenue received from the sale of shared game lottery tickets or shares; and (ii) the sum of payments made to winners.

(b) In fiscal year 2024, the percentage to be transferred to the problem gambling account is 0.20 percent. In fiscal year 2025 and subsequent fiscal years, the percentage to be transferred to the problem gambling account is 0.26 percent.

(4) The commission shall transfer the remaining net revenues, if any, derived from the shared game lottery "Powerball" authorized in RCW 67.70.044(1) after the transfers pursuant to this section into the state general fund for support for the program of basic education under RCW 28A.150.200.

(5) The remaining net revenues, if any, in the shared game lottery account after the transfers pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Washington opportunity pathways account. [2023 c 284 § 3; 2012 1st sp.s. c 10 § 6; 2010 1st sp.s. c 27 § 4. Prior: 2009 c 576 § 2; 2009 c 479 § 45; 2005 c 369 § 4; 2002 c 349 § 3.]

Findings—Intent—Effective date—2023 c 284: See notes following RCW 41.05.750.

Purpose—Construction—2012 1st sp.s. c 10: See note following RCW 84.52.0531.

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