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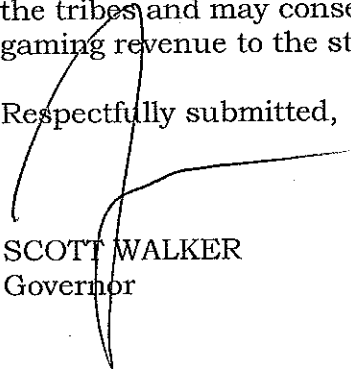
TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 628 in its entirety and am returning it to the Senate because I object to the bill's expansion of what constitutes a raffle as it could threaten the exclusive rights of the Indian tribes to conduct Class III gaming in return for making revenue-sharing payments to the state, which is reflected in the compacts signed by the tribes and the state. The exclusivity clauses prohibit the state from: 1) substantively altering the charitable games authorized under state law, 2) allowing the operation of electronic games of chance and 3) allowing the operation of an additional Class III game not authorized by current law.

The bill makes many changes to the way that raffles are conducted and regulated. In particular, the bill expands the definitions of key concepts, including the definitions of raffle, drawing and ticket, and limits the Department of Administration's ability to promulgate rules relating to the conduct of raffles. The bill would allow any raffle where the winner is determined by a random process, with all tickets or instruments entitling a purchaser to an entry into a raffle having an equal opportunity to win. The bill also includes language that could allow games of chance in which electronic entries appear permissible and the winners are determined by any method of random selection, including non-traditional electronic random number generators.

Because these changes could expand the selection of winners to any random mechanism and allow non-traditional raffles, such as electronic raffles, this bill may constitute a violation of the exclusivity provisions of compacts between the state and the tribes and may consequently result in a significant loss of past, current and future gaming revenue to the state.

Respectfully submitted,


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Governor