

# Senate Ways and Means Committee

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**SB 542**, limiting game dates available to charities at gaming facilities and increasing the number of charities working with a gaming facility each day based on the facility's revenue.

**Hearing Date:** January 21, 2026

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Lang, Sullivan, Rosenwald and Fenton, McConkey

**Members of the Committee Absent :** Senator Murphy

**Bill Analysis:** This bill limits game dates available to charities at gaming facilities and increasing the number of charities working with a gaming facility each day based on the facility's revenue.

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**Sponsors:**

Sen. Lang

Sen. Gannon

Sen. Pearl

Sen. Watters

Sen. Avard

Sen. McGough

Sen. Murphy

Rep. Janigian

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**Who supports the bill:** Alicia Preston (NHCGOA), Dr. Deborah Warner, Daniel Richardson, Sen. Pearl

**Who opposes the bill:** No one

**Who is neutral on the bill:** No one

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Sen. Lang**

- Sen. Lang said that this bill was the result of conversations with the Charitable Gaming Commission.
- He said that the bill would shorten the number of days available to charities at gaming facilities from ten to seven, and that each gaming operator would go from working with 72 charities to 104 charities.
- He stated that there were issues with the second half of the bill, which introduced a tier process.
- He said that many felt that the tier system was too much, too fast.
- He offered amendment 0138s, which would retain the seven-day change without the tier system.

- He said that this new amended version of the bill was supported by those in the industry, as it would make things easier for them administratively while allowing more charities access to charitable gaming revenue by eliminating waitlists.

**Dr. Deborah Warner**

- Dr. Warner said that she was from Littleton and that she had been present at all meetings of the Charitable Gaming Commission.
- She said that it would be very beneficial to switch the schedules from ten days to seven days. She said that this would ensure that the process was kept fair as the ten-day system resulted in the unfair allocation of weekends. She stated that you might get two weekends under the current system.

**Ms. Alicia Preston**

- Ms. Preston stated that she was here on behalf of the Charity Gaming Operators Association.
- She said that the Association supported the amended version of the bill introduced by Sen. Lang.
- She said that the seven-day change was beneficial, and that the bill would benefit upwards of 400 charities.