

SB 226

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**Oral Opponent
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**Senate Assessment and Taxation
Chair. Sen. Caryn Tyson**



Madam Chair and Committee,

I oppose this legislation because it incentivizes gambling, is a gateway to gambling disorders, especially for low and middle class individuals who engage in this behavior that could lead to offending and has a likelihood of harm. It also promotes state-owned gambling apparatus and systems, which I am against, and does not promote strong moral values that should be desired for our posterity and our Constitutional Republic, regarding Life, Family, and Liberty, which is freedom with morality.

Practically, those of us who do not engage in such risky behavior would not receive equal tax breaks or benefits that this would allow. So, not only do we have state sponsored gambling but also state sponsored losing that enables the avoidance of pain associated with the consequence of loss.

The state is preying and profiting off of those who want to make a quick buck or get “high” (adrenaline, dopamine, and/or serotonin response) on winning at gambling using my tax money to promote and market and advertise these behaviors with the illusion that a tax deduction (which in fact takes money out of SGF) somehow justifies all the other bad fruit from the tree of state owned gambling that has been planted and that you are continuing to feed and water with this bill.

I find this reprehensible and do not support this harmful action.

Thank You

Nick Reinecker