

House Bill 3154  
March 7, 2023

Chair Lively, Co-Chairs Chaichi and Wright, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Anna Richter Taylor, and I am here on behalf of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians.

I am here relating to HB 3154 amendment.

I want first to reiterate the Tribe's appreciation for your attention to the critical issue of state — not tribal — gambling regulation.

It has been over 25 years since a comprehensive review of the state's gaming regulatory framework and system. And Oregon is a very different place since that last review. So the work of this committee is critical to the next decade or more of state-regulated gaming and how that shapes the state of Oregon.

One of our concerns about this amendment is that it references a potential revenue-sharing model with Tribes - and this amendment is the first time we have heard about such an idea.

As you know, the nine federally recognized tribes are sovereign nations.

The government-to-government relationship - as it relates to IGRA tribal governmental gaming — exists between the state executive branch and tribal governments.

We appreciate that you are looking at state-regulated gambling. And the recognition that state-regulated gambling affects Tribes.

Because we were not consulted about a study relating to revenue sharing between the state and the tribes - it is difficult to support an amendment without additional context or consultation before its introduction.

In closing, I want to be clear that my point is not to be combative - but rather to request that any legislation that includes reference to the tribes - especially relating to tribal sovereignty and potential effects on Tribal governmental gaming - is prefaced with appropriate consultation and discussion with the tribes.