Washington State Gambling Commission

Senate Work Session

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Accredited limited law enforcement agency

WSGC Funding & Staffing

- Non-appropriated state agency funded with
  - ➢ license fees
  - ➢ cost recovery
- ~ $15.5 million annual budget
- Budgeted for 114 FTEs

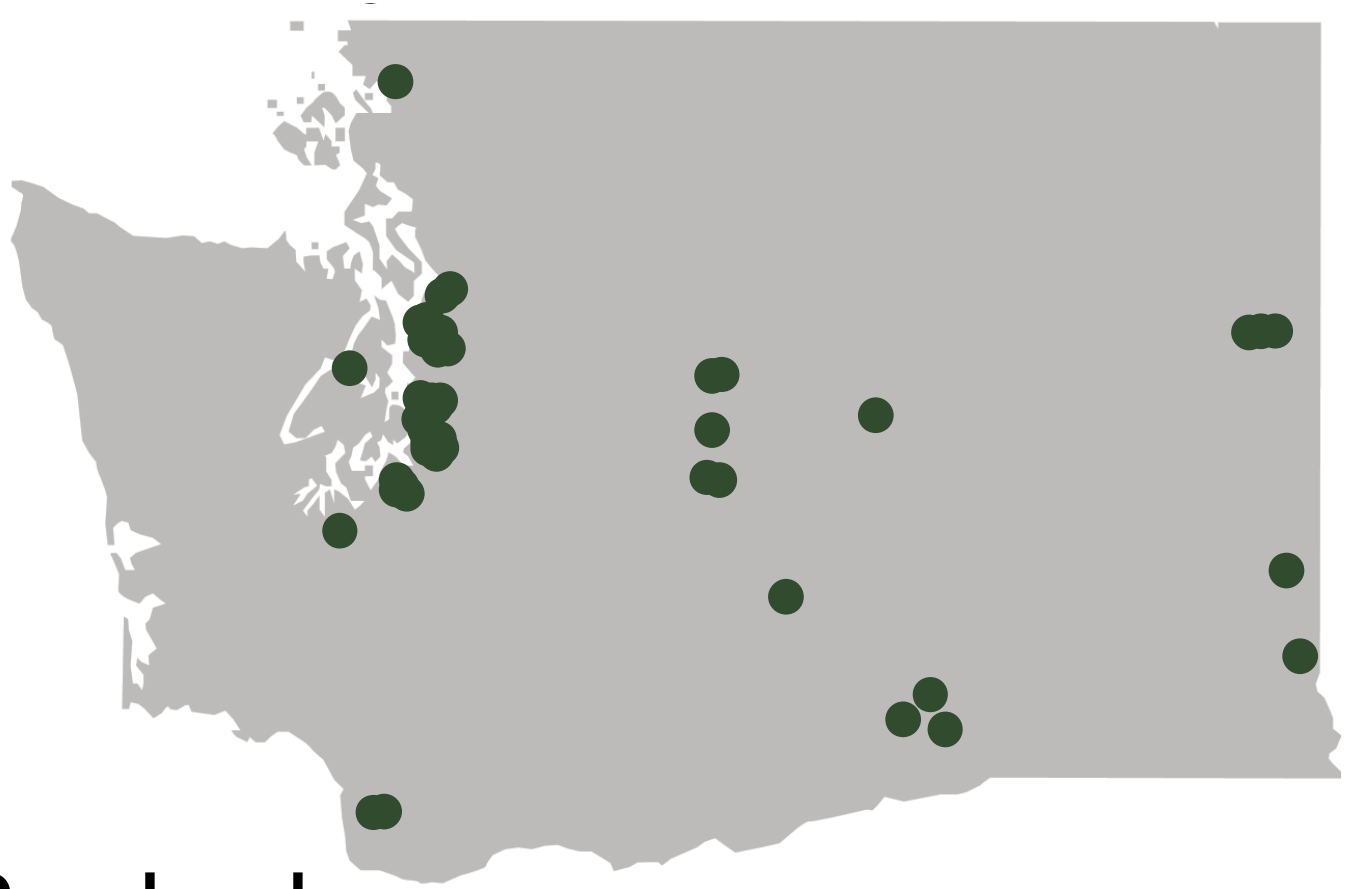
Operational Units & Roles

Licensing	Regulation	Criminal Enforcement	Electronic Gaming Lab	Tribal Gaming
•Background checks •Source of funds •Collect fees •Process licenses	•Agents across WA •Compliance checks •Audit licensees •Criminal investigations	•Working undercover •Long-term investigations •Work with local, state and federal law enforcement •Train other agencies •Investigations criminal complaints connected with gambling	•Evaluate new technology •Investigations •Risk Analysis •Training •Inspections •Internal controls •Security standards & practice	•Cooperative regulatory partnership •Tribal relations •Compact negotiation process •Criminal investigations

Licensees

	FY 2018		FY 2022	
	Active Licenses	Net Receipts	Active Licenses	Net Receipts
Charitable and nonprofit gambling				
Raffles	966	$8,547,888	798	$15,148,816
Bingo	247	$6,665,108	188	$4,942,185
Punchboard/Pulltabs	197	$10,794,455	157	$10,565,810
Card Room	7	($84,346)	70	$43,257
Fundraising	31	$45,683	3	$79,157
Amusement Games	30	$85,404	20	$19,072
TOTAL	1,478	$26,054,192	1,236	$30,798,297
Commercial licenses				
Punchboard/Pulltabs	885	$63,191,924	713	$87,102,454
Card Rooms	209	$249,183,786	137	$285,331,890
Amusement Games	78	$35,817,049	74	$55,566,019
TOTAL	1,172	$338,192,759	924	$428,000,363

House-Banked Card Rooms

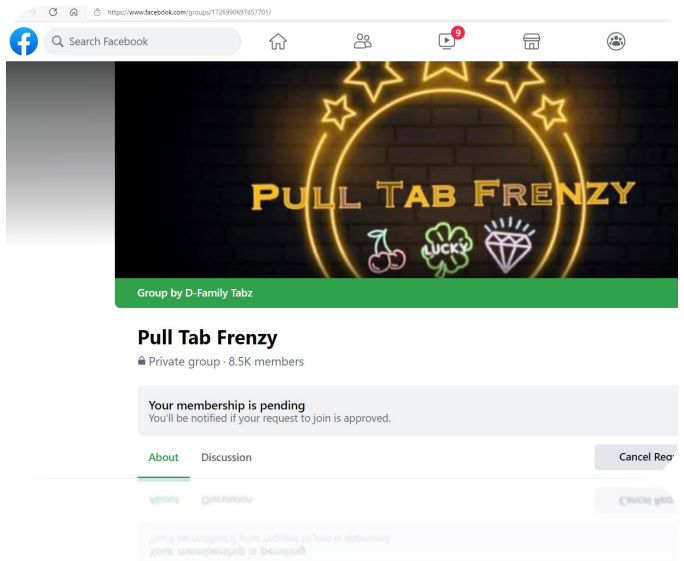


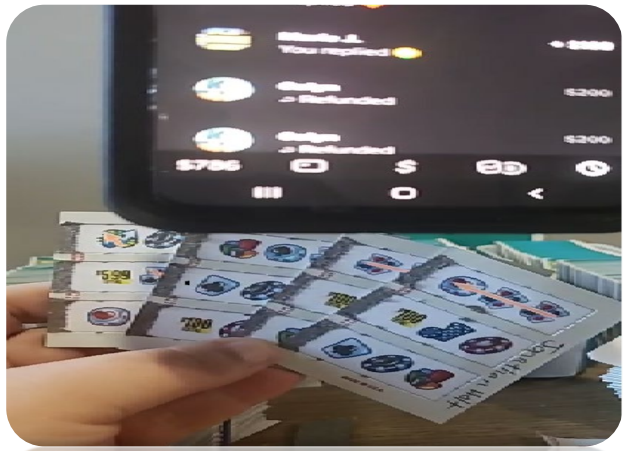
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Gambling-Related Offenses

- Theft & Identify Theft
- Money Laundering & Structuring
- Bookmaking
- Illegal Card Games/Gambling Machines

Example: Facebook Pull-Tab Game







Gambling-Related Offenses

- Loan Sharking
- Financial Exploitation of vulnerable adults
- Internet Gambling
- Animal Fighting
- Prostitution

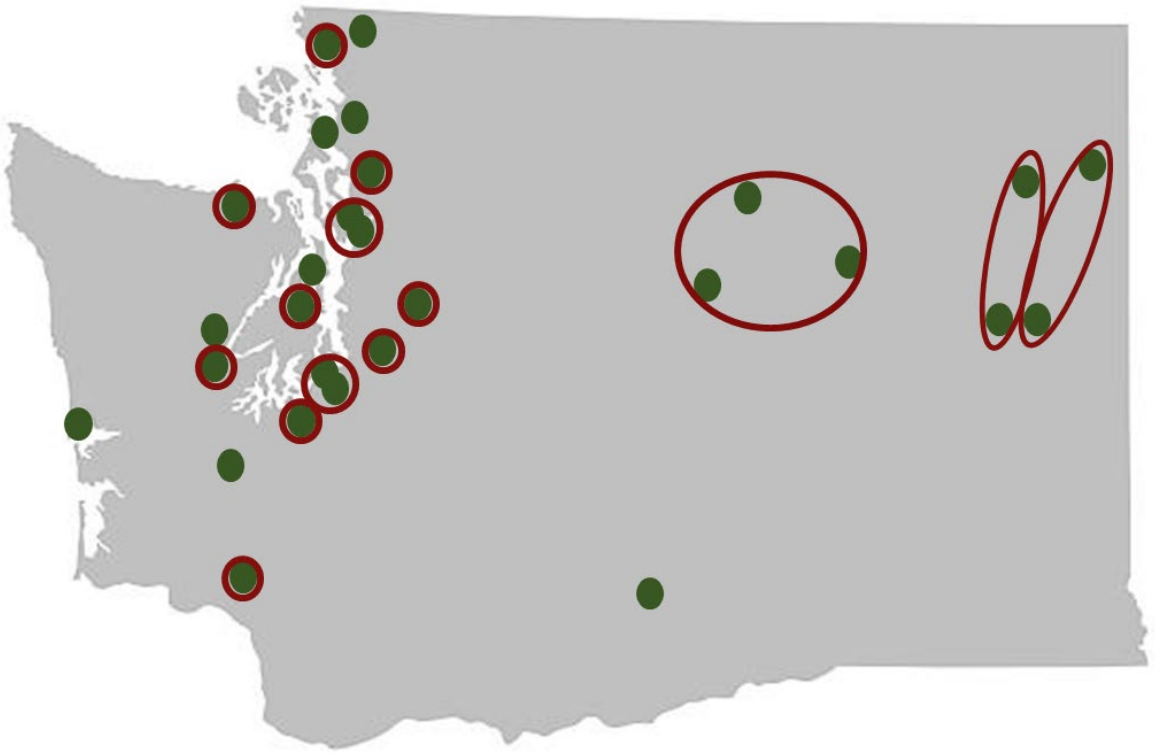
Example: Illegal Horse Racing







Tribal Gaming



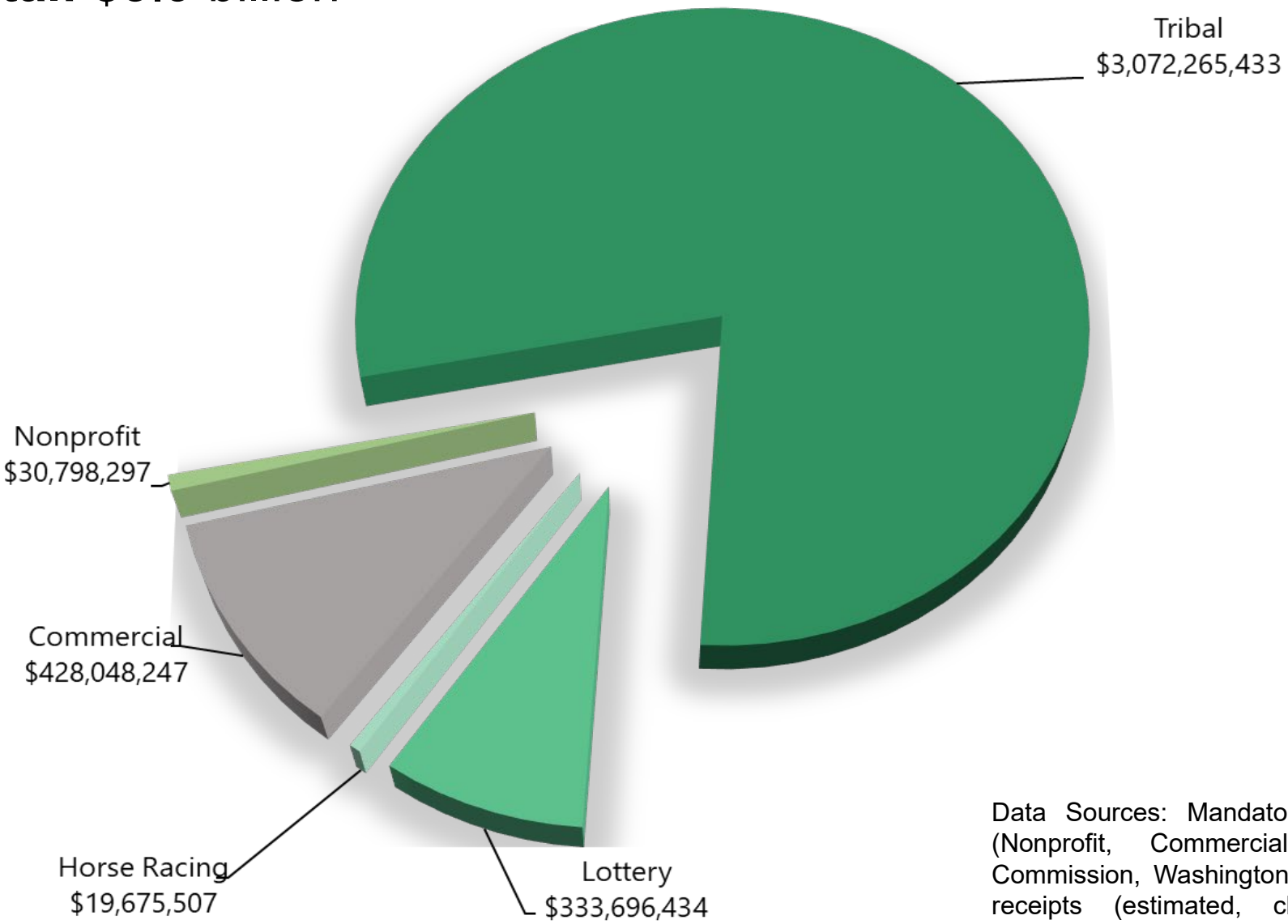
22 Tribes operate 28 Class III Casinos

14 Tribes operate Sports Wagering ( )

18 Tribes have Sports Wagering Amendments

Net Gambling Receipts: FY22

Total: $3.9 billion



Data Sources: Mandatory Quarterly Filings (Nonprofit, Commercial), Horse Racing Commission, Washington's Lottery, Tribal net receipts (estimated, class III only, as authorized in Tribal Compacts)

HB1132: Agency Request Legislation

Oversight and Training Requirements for Limited Authority Washington State Peace Officers and Agencies.

Addresses three things regarding limited law enforcement agencies:

- Training
- Certification
- Standardization

Self Exclusion & Problem Gambling

- May 2022 uniform self-exclusion program launched
- December 2022: Problem Gambling Task Force released final report to legislature with recommendations

Questions?

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