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GAMBLING
COMMISSION

Lummi Nation

Senate Business, Financial Services & Trade Committee Hearing - Proposed Compact Amendments

July 9, 2025

The Honorable, Vice Chair, Terrence Adams & The Honorable Vendean Washington,

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“Class III gaming activities shall be lawful on Indian lands only if such activities are located in a State that permits such gaming and are conducted in conformance with a tribal-state compact…”

1988: Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

Negotiation Topics

- Casino-style gaming activities
- Criminal and civil jurisdiction
- Fees for state regulation
- Remedies for breach of contract
- Standards of operation



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"The purpose of this chapter is...
to protect such gaming as a means of generating tribal revenue."

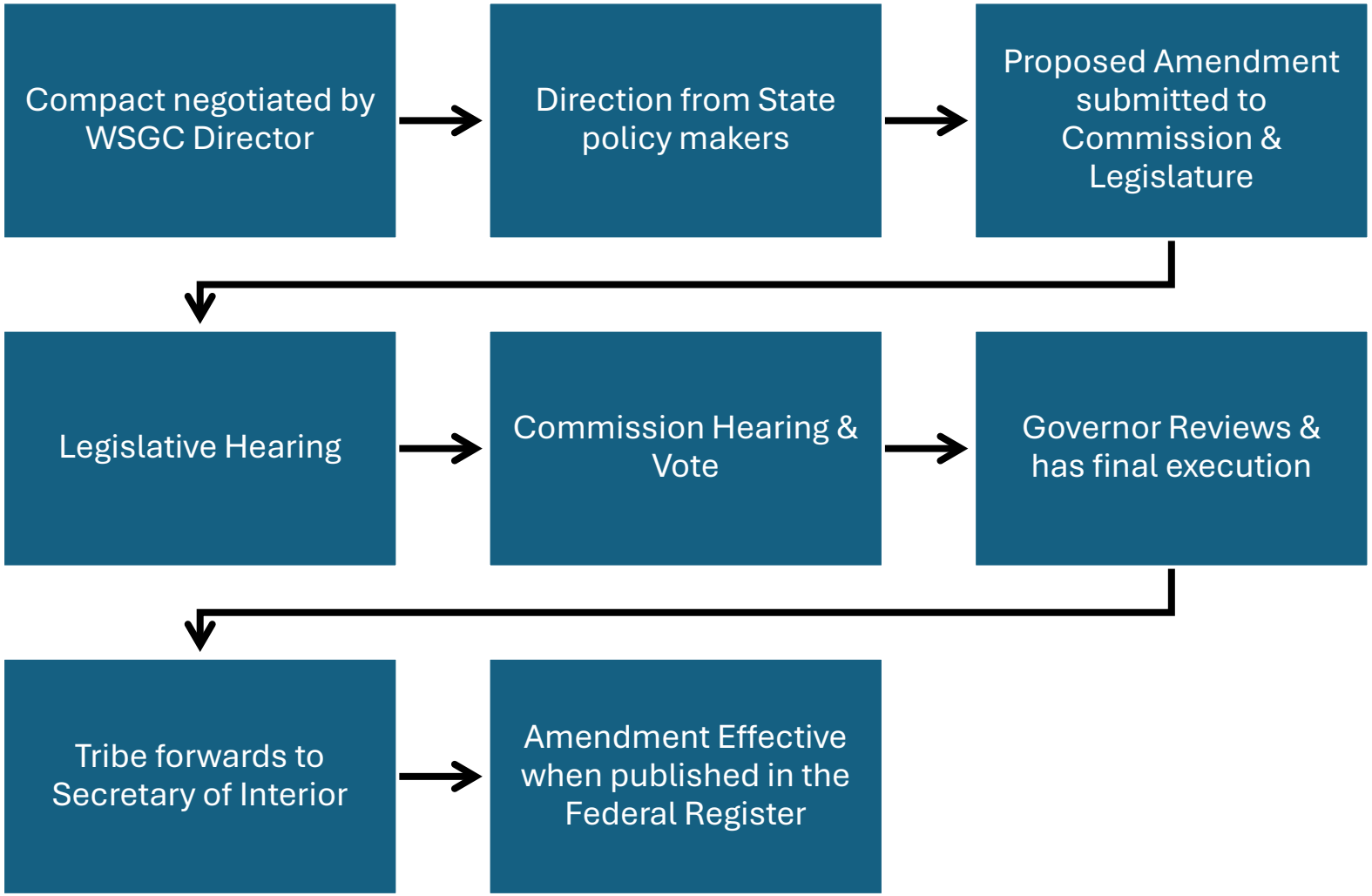
"The State must
negotiate in good faith
when a compact or amendment is requested by a tribe."

Public Protection Interests

- No criminal involvement
- Gaming conducted fairly, honestly
- Gaming limited to authorized activities
- Minimize negative impacts on local law enforcement, emergency services



Gaming Compact Amendment Approval Process



Lummi Nation

6th Amendment to the Gaming Compact

Presented by:

LIBC Vice Chairman- Terrence Adams

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LIBC Councilman- Vendean Washington

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Background

- Lummi negotiated and signed one of the first tribal-state gaming compacts in 1995
- Tribal government gaming in Washington state has yielded substantial economic gains for Tribes and the State of Washington
- Tribal gaming creates an opportunity to generate revenue to support essential governmental functions in our communities, such as providing services, building infrastructure, and creating job opportunities.
- Appendix E and G will be provide expanded gaming opportunities for Washingtonians

Regulatory

- No greater priority for Tribes than to protect the integrity of the game and ensure the welfare of customer who plan
- Electronic table games will be regulated in a highly regulated manner to protect the integrity of the game and ensure the welfare of the customer, like current tribal gaming
  - Detailed internal controls will be required for this expanded service
- Lummi Tribal Gaming Commission is “Undivided loyalty to the Nation,” a testament to the leadership of the tribal governments to ensure gaming remains protected

Proposed Amendments

- Appendix E
  - Extension of credit to customers
  - Higher limits
- Appendix G
  - Electronic Table Games
- Compact
  - Change in definitions to be consistent

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(Thank You)

- LIBC Vice Chairman Terrence Adams, Lummi Nation
- LIBC Councilman Vendean “Jim” Washington, Lummi Nation
- Sean Lawrence, Chairman, Lummi Tribal Gaming Commission
- Washington State Gaming Commission Members

Summary of Compact Changes

- Electronic Table Game Appendix (Appendix G)
- Limitations Appendix (Appendix E) which includes:
  - Extension of Credit & Limitations on Wager, like other tribes
  - Possibility to Expand to Second Facility
- Other changes to carry above amendments into effect

Next Steps

Today

- Hold required hearing
- Answer questions

Commission Meeting

July 10, 2025

- Vote to forward to Governor
- Vote to return for further negotiations

Public comments In-person or at
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