



**HOUSE BILL 1234
SENATE FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
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TESTIMONY OF CYNTHIA C. MONTEAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Madam Chair and members of the Committee, my name is Cynthia Monteau, I am the Executive Director of the United Tribes Gaming Association (UTGA). I come before you today as an Opponent of House Bill 1234, a bill that compounds the already detrimental impact to casino revenue by allowing online and mobile sports betting if supported by the voters after a legislative referral.

There is only so much disposable income in the state and electronic pull tabs have already generated \$1.6 billion in gross proceeds from August 2018 thru December 2021. Our casinos have been impacted by approximately \$150 million because of electronic pull tabs. In addition, this bill creates a new commission and will require a new division within the Attorney General's office when this office currently does not have the ability to regulate electronic pull tabs.

Gaming is in most cases our sole source of revenue, jobs, and economic development. HB1234 is an expansion of gaming outside of tribal casinos – which we are adamantly opposed.

We urge a do NOT pass of HB 1234.

Thank you, Madam Chair.