



# News

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## Director Trujillo testifies at Congressional Hearing on Safeguarding the Integrity of Indian Gaming.

Indian gaming revenue has grown from \$3 billion to \$28 billion during the past 25 years. This revenue has a significant impact on Tribal communities, paying for schools, roads, health care and other governmental services that benefit tribal members.

To safeguard the integrity of Indian gaming, in 2013, Senators Cantwell, McCain, Tester, and Barrasso asked the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review Indian gaming regulation to ensure it remains strong for future generations. The GAO issued its [final report in June 2015](#). One of the questions GAO was asked to review was how states and selected tribes regulate Indian gaming.

Washington State Gambling Commission [Director Trujillo](#) spoke at a Congressional Oversight Hearing last week in response to that question. Director Trujillo talked about the positive and strong government to government relationship Washington State enjoys with Tribes that operate gaming.

Also testifying at the hearing ([Click here to watch the entire Congressional Oversight Hearing](#)):

- Chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). The NIGC released their 2014 Indian gross gaming revenue numbers last week, showing the fifth consecutive year of modest but stable growth in Indian gaming;
- Director of the U.S. Government Accountability Office;
- Chair of the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators Association; and
- Chair of the National Indian Gaming Association.

### Invitation to Reporters - Come See What We Do:

- **Agent Ride-along:** See how we regulate and enforce gambling laws across the state.
- **Tour our forensics labs** in Spokane or Lacey. This is an opportunity to see state-of-the-art equipment and discuss protocols used by our forensic experts to examine a wide array of electronic and media storage devices.
- **Learn** how our criminal investigations protect the public.
- **See** how we test gaming machines for compliance in our Electronic Gambling Lab in Lacey.

### About the Washington State Gambling Commission:

The Gambling Commission is a limited jurisdiction law enforcement agency and the only statewide agency devoted to gambling licensing, regulation and enforcement. Five citizens are appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to act as part-time Commissioners for a single six-year term. The Commission holds [public meetings](#) once a month to discuss administrative issues and rule changes, approve new gambling licenses, and take action regarding the revocation or suspension of gambling licenses. We are accredited by the [Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs](#). To learn more about what we do, visit [www.wsgc.wa.gov](http://www.wsgc.wa.gov).

***Mission: Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest.***