



Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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I am writing you to request the support from the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors for the ratification of California SB-869. This bill is to ratify the new Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation. The compact itself is fairly close to the current 1999 compact, but includes modernized terms related to enhanced employee protections, detailed environmental mitigation of off reservation impacts and other elements which have been included in many other compacts around the state. This is one of the last steps to achieve our goal to have a new compact for gaming at the Lucky 7 Casino property. We look forward to answering any questions you or the Board of Supervisors might have. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact at your convenience.

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Summary of Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal State Gaming Compact

Tribal Overview - The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation has a total enrolled population of approximately 1827 enrolled members (1140 adults) and its land base is comprised of approximately 900 acres in Del Norte County. The Tribe has a stable government and exceptionally strong ties with the local community and surrounding region.

Background

- ✓ Tolowa has a small sized facility ("Lucky 7 Casino") that operates 326 slot machines pursuant to a 1999 gaming compact.
- ✓ Tolowa is the one of the largest employers in Del Norte County, including approximately 130 gaming facility employees and another 120 governmental employees.
- ✓ Tolowa invests approximately \$250,000 in annual community contributions to various organizations and events in Del Norte County and the greater North Coast region.
- ✓ The Tribe currently does not pay into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and is not required under its current compact to make payments to offset the State's regulatory costs.

Compact Amendment Overview

- ✓ Under the 2020 Compact, the Tribe is authorized to operate 2,000 slots at 2 facilities (same as 1999 Compact).
- ✓ The Tribe will contribute its pro rata share of the State's regulatory costs (new obligation).
- ✓ The Tribe will contribute 6% of Net Win from the slot machines above 350 to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF) and the Tribal Nation Grant Fund (TNGF) if the Tribe operates more than 1200 slot machines (new obligation similar to 1999 RSTF terms).
- ✓ The Tribe can deduct certain credits from the RSTF-TNGF obligation amounts for contributions and financial investments in various projects that benefit the Tribe and local communities.
- ✓ The licensing, regulatory, environmental mitigation, patron protection, labor, public health and safety provisions are substantially the same as recent compacts (modernized terms adding greater clarity and detail to 1999 terms).
- ✓ The community supports the compact.
- ✓ The term is 25 years.

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