

BUSINESSES IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER STATES ARE SERIOUSLY DISADVANTAGED WHEN COMPETING WITH TRIBAL BUSINESSES

While tax and business laws vary among the States, the comparison below of usual and customary business expenses illustrates the economic competitive advantage tribal government businesses have over other businesses.

NON-TRIBAL BUSINESSES	TRIBAL OR INDIAN-OWNED BUSINESSES
Industrial insurance \$0 - \$13.00/hour paid by/for each employee ((WA Dept of Labor/Industries)	EXEMPT * at state levels
Unemployment Insurance paid by Employer and employee based on experience (WA Dept. of Employment Security)	EXEMPT *
Property Taxes – Local/County/City And Schools	EXEMPT *
Business and Occupation Tax on GROSS income earned and paid to WA. St. Dept of Revenue.	EXEMPT
State Minimum Wages must be paid \$7.35 per hour without tips credits in service industry;	EXEMPT* Federal minimum wages LESS tip and credit in service industry for a \$2.36+ per hour
Card rooms allowed up to 15 gaming tables.	EXEMPT* Facility owned 52-78 tables
No video lottery terminals, craps, roulette, baccarat or keno allowed: only pull tabs, bingo, and punch cards.	EXEMPT* Thousands of video and lottery terminals: plus craps, baccarat, roulette, bingo and keno
Subject to State/local smoking bans.	EXEMPT
Shorelines Management Act Compliance	EXEMPT
Growth management Act compliance	EXEMPT
State Environmental Policy Act	EXEMPT
Water and Utilities Laws compliance	EXEMPT
Building and construction permits required.	Tribal government regulations only, if any. *
Inspections required for occupancy.	Tribal government regulations only, if any. *
Food and health inspections required.	Tribal government regulations only, if any. *

* Assume tribal standards meet industry standards.

Sources for examples above are from Washington State.

The above examples of exemptions from state and local business laws, regulations and fees, for the benefit of one racial segment of our economy are discriminatory and, with 562 federally recognized tribes, have created a national "Indian economy," benefiting from, reliant upon and economically eroding the primary economy. A few tribal businessmen have also reported that even as tribal members, doing business with their tribal government is also quite costly; however, the advantages above would still apply.