



From the Desk of
**Senator
Alan Olsen**

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde urge a NO VOTE on Senate Bill 212A

- SB 212A is in essence a pass through tax that takes dollars out of tribal coffers and impacts the Tribes ability to continue to provide essential government services.
- The gambling loss deduction portion of the bill would significantly impact our customers and dramatically affect the dollars they have available to play at Spirit Mountain Casino.
- Any reduction in revenue to The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and Spirit Mountain Casino, at this stage is problematic. As you may know, the Tribe has recently faced a major decline in revenue due to competition in the Portland metropolitan area. We are also facing an unknown future with potential expansion of gambling throughout the state in the form of sports betting, and possibly mobile gaming.
- As The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde faces an unpredictable future in the gaming business due to competition, uncertainty of the market, decreasing numbers of gamblers, and instability and direction in funding for programs at the federal level, any reduction in revenue is problematic.
- We continue to work toward self-sufficiency and funding of our essential governmental services such as health, education, housing, natural resources, cultural resources, and public safety. Every dollar that the Tribe is able to get through gaming at Spirit Mountain Casino goes to helping our government, our tribal citizens, and our community.

We ask that you take this into account when looking at SB212A, and respectfully ask for your NO vote.