

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Esquivel, Freeman, Komp, Matthews, Riley, Weidner, Cowan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Governor to appoint a member of one of Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes to the Oregon State Interoperability Executive Council from pool of designees put forward by the Indian tribes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Challenges to current statute
- Status of current nominee to the council
- The need to ensure the best qualified individual to represent the interest of Indian tribes on the council
- Support from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon has nine tribes and confederations of tribes including: Burns Paiute Tribe; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; Confederated Tribes of Siletz; Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians; Klamath Tribe; and Coquille Tribe.

Under current statute, only a tribal member of one of these nine tribes may serve on the Oregon State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC). The SIEC, created by Governor's Executive Order 02-17 in 2002, is charged with improving and developing interoperable public safety communication systems in Oregon. The objectives of the SIEC include:

- Development of a Public Safety Wireless Infrastructure Replacement Plan
- Recommending strategies to improve wireless interoperability among state and local public safety agencies
- Development of standards to promote consistent development of wireless communications infrastructures
- Development of long-term technological and policy recommendations to establish a statewide public safety radio system to improve emergency response and public safety operations
- Recommending legislation and policies to promote wireless interoperability in Oregon

Senate Bill 590 expands the available pool of tribal representation on the SIEC by allowing the appointment of a designee put forward by the Indian tribes. Proponents of the measure assert the need to appoint the best qualified individual to the SIEC, and that restricting SIEC seat to certain tribal members limits the pool of candidates that could serve the state in developing much-needed communication networks for rural and remote parts of Oregon.