

Senate Joint Memorial 10

Sponsored by Senators WALKER, FERRIOLI, Representative RILEY

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Congress to expand definition of "local education agency" to include federally recognized tribes.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the National Indian Education Association urges Congress to expand federal and state definitions of "local education agency" to include federally recognized tribes; and

Whereas the National Indian Education Association was established in 1969 for the purpose of advocating, planning and promoting the unique and special education needs of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students; and

Whereas the National Indian Education Association, as the largest and oldest national Indian organization of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian educators, administrators, parents and students, provides a forum to discuss and act on issues affecting the education of native peoples; and

Whereas the federal government allows selected groups currently defined as "local education agencies" to compete for federal education grants; and

Whereas by expanding the definition of "local education agency" to include federally recognized tribes, federally recognized tribes will be able to compete for the United States Department of Education grants to provide services to American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Congress of the United States of America is respectfully urged to pass legislation that adds federally recognized tribes to the federal definition of "local education agency" to provide an opportunity for tribes to apply for grants.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.