

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/25, 5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits tribal government to submit applications for federal funding related to emergency programs and services, through Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for review and/or processing. Acknowledges tribal government may establish emergency management agencies. Requires tribal government that chooses to establish emergency management agency: (1) appoint emergency program manager; and (2) establish policies, as specified, jointly with county within which tribal government operates. Requires tribal emergency management agency perform certain specified functions within territorial limits.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- State and federal definitions of tribal governments
- History of emergency management program established by Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)
- CTUIR need and eligibility for federal Emergency Management Performance Grant funds administered by Department of Homeland Security
- Tragic bus crash on Cabbage Hill and multijurisdictional emergency response

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: The federal government provides grants for emergency preparedness and response purposes designed to promote centralized coordination of resources and services in order to develop a more efficient, unified and comprehensive emergency management system across the nation, since disasters have no regard for jurisdictional boundaries. Grants are administered by entities such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security, and funds may be distributed to states for state use, and/or for distribution to a state's political subdivisions. The state of Oregon has centralized coordination with its Office of Emergency Management (OEM); OEM has sole authority to negotiate agreements with federal agencies on the state's behalf, that may be required to obtain federal grant funds for emergency-related purposes. Consistent with this centralized authority, Oregon law currently requires state entities, emergency services agencies, and cities and counties operating emergency management programs, to submit any applications for federal funds related to emergency services to OEM for its review and/or processing.

House Bill 2034 permits tribal governments to submit applications for emergency management-related federal funds through OEM, in the same way that state and local entities are currently required. House Bill 2034 also imposes requirements on tribal governments that choose to establish emergency management agencies: the appointment of a manager, the adoption of certain policies, and the performance of specified functions.

*House committee vote: 7 • 0 • 0**House floor vote: 60 • 0 • 0*

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