77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness

KEVENUE. NO revenue impact	
FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued	
Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Esquivel, Fagan, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Matthews
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Elizabeth Edwards, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/12, 3/19

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to coordinate with tribal governments to develop proposals and submit applications for federal funding. Allows OEM to direct federal funding to tribal governments for purpose of providing emergency program management and emergency services. Defines tribal government as federally recognized sovereign tribal government within Oregon or intertribal organization of two or more federally recognized sovereign tribal governments within Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Response to bus crash on Cabbage Hill involved tribal emergency personnel
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) may negotiate agreements with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on behalf of the state for the purpose of providing emergency program management and emergency services. FEMA is authorized make emergency preparedness grants for the protection of life and property in the United States from hazards. FEMA grants vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the federal government and the states and their political subdivisions. The federal government, through the Emergency Management Preparedness Grants (EMPG) Program, provides necessary direction, coordination, and guidance, with the aim of creating comprehensive emergency preparedness systems for all hazards. The EMPG Program provides grants to states to assist state, local, tribal and territorial governments in preparing for all hazards. Presently, OEM is authorized to coordinate with state agencies, emergency service agencies, and cities or counties operating emergency management programs and to distribute EMPG funds to same. House Bill 2034 allows OEM to also coordinate with, and pass EMPG funds to, federally recognized sovereign tribal governments or intertribal organizations within Oregon.