

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Kenemer, Garrett

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Financial Estimate Committee (FEC) to estimate financial impact of state measure on any federally recognized Native American or American Indian Tribal government. FEC may estimate amount of direct expenditure, direct reduction of expenditure, direct reduction in revenues, direct tax revenue or indebtedness and interest resulting from enacting state measure, or not enacting state measure. Applies to financial estimates required to be filed on or after January 1, 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Restrictions of what FEC can consider as part of their financial impact statements
- Statutory limitations of FEC process
- Programs and services provided by Oregon's tribal government
- Ballot measures that have financial impact on tribal governments
- Relationship between Oregon's economy and tribal casinos

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Financial Estimate Committee (FEC) is comprised of the Oregon Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Directors of the Departments of Administrative Services and Revenue and a representative of local government. The FEC is responsible for evaluating a ballot measure's financial impact only as it relates to the state and any city, county, or district when the measure involves a reduction in state revenue, the imposition of a tax or an increase in indebtedness by the state to raise funds, or the expenditure or reduction in the expenditure of public moneys by the state. The financial estimates statements produced by the FEC are printed in the voters' pamphlet and on the ballot. Currently, the FEC does not have the statutory authority to formally evaluate and communicate in the voters' pamphlet and on the ballot the financial impact a ballot measure would have on tribal governments in Oregon.

Senate Bill 18 would authorize the FEC to estimate the financial impact of a ballot measure on tribal governments.