

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes Commission on Indian Services (Commission) to include two members of Senate and two members of House of Representatives. Requires that two members from Senate and two members of House of Representatives be of different political parties. Removes requirement that Commission have members from Portland urban area and Willamette Valley area to represent nonreservation Indians. Allows for appointment of one non-voting member from area in which nonreservation Indians reside and who is associated with Indian Health Care Improvement Act Title V Urban Indian Health program. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reason for creation of Commission in 1975
- Allowing for equal participation of both chambers of legislature and political parties
- Importance of work of Commission
- Importance of improving communication between Oregon’s tribal governments and state government
- Unique opportunity to participate in diplomacy with sovereign nations
- Reason for removing nonreservation requirement
- Importance of including member with experience in health care

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Commission on Indian Services (Commission) was created by statute in 1975 to improve services to Indians in Oregon. Its 13 members are appointed jointly by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House to a two-year term. The membership is composed of one member each from the Senate, House of Representatives, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Burns-Paiute Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, Confederated Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Tribes, Klamath Tribe, and Coquille Tribe. The membership also includes one member from urban areas where nonreservation Indians reside in the Portland metro area and the Willamette Valley area.

Senate Bill 3-A retains a total of 13 voting members, but removes the two members from the Willamette Valley and the Portland urban area and adds two Senators and two Representatives, as well as one nonvoting member who has experience with Indian Health Care Improvement Act Title V Urban Indian Health program.