

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Hicks, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
Nays:	Dembrow, Holvey
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Erin Seiler, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	6/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits school district to enter into written agreement with governing body of nearest federally recognized Native American tribe in Oregon, to identify acceptable mascot name, symbol or image representing or associated with Native Americans. Directs school district to enforce certain behaviors in relation to mascot. Requires athletic director or other person identified by school board to complete cultural diversity training. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Relationship between school districts and local Native American tribes
- Diversification in schools
- Cultural heritage of Native American tribes
- Use of term “mascot”
- Work of State Board of Education on issue

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon State Board of Education adopted OAR 581-021-0047 on May 17, 2012 prohibiting public schools from using Native American mascots. Public schools have until July 1, 2017 to comply before the Superintendent of Public Instruction may withhold all or part of state funding for the school district. The prohibition against Native American mascots includes the use of the following team names: Redskins, Savages, Indians, Indianettes, Chiefs, Chieftains, and Braves, along with any associated visual image or symbol. Public schools are allowed to continue using “Warrior” if the corresponding image or symbol does not depict an American Indian.

Senate Bill 215-B permits a school district to enter into a written agreement with the governing body of the nearest federally recognized Native American tribe in Oregon, to identify an acceptable mascot name, symbol or image that represents or is associated with Native Americans.