

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/19/15
Action: Do Pass.
Meeting Dates: 02/19

Senate

Yeas: 4 - Burdick, Gelser, Prozanski, Kruse
Nays: 1 - Thatcher

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals sunset provision related to authorized tribal police officers. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overall success of Senate Bill 412 since passing during the 2011 Legislative Session
- Result of increased public safety for all since Senate Bill 412
- Rates and examples of assistance provided to non-tribal law enforcement agencies
- Former patchwork of jurisdiction versus fabric of cross-jurisdictional partnership
- Positive impact of Senate Bill 412 on underserved communities and tribes
- Increased need for partnership during times of decreased resources
- Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's involvement, including reporting and training requirements
- Tribal law enforcement's full certification under program
- Criminal jurisdiction issues in Indian law
- Oregon's commitment to honoring sovereignty
- Civil rights significance of Senate Bill 412
- National recognition of Senate Bill 412 and assertion as a model law
- Issue of reciprocity

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011, the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 412, which provides tribal law enforcement officers in Oregon the same arrest and police powers as other state, local, and special police officers. At the time Senate Bill 412 was passed, a sunset provision taking effect on June 30, 2015, was included.

Senate Bill 343 repeals the sunset provision contained in Senate Bill 412.