

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Fiscal: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Placeholder: Relating to emergency management.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Length of time the Warm Springs' 9-1-1 call center has been operative (17 years)
- No issues with regard to operation
- Familiarity of center's personnel with local community
- Keeping the 9-1-1 center operating

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment]: Replaces the original measure. Permits the Office of Emergency Management to enter into agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon regarding operation of the Tribes' Public Safety Answering Point.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon has been in existence for 17 years and has always been included among the total number of PSAP's operating in Oregon. Within the past year, however, the Oregon Department of Justice raised concerns about the lack of statutory authority for Oregon's Office of Emergency Management (a state agency) to deal with a PSAP operated in Indian Country by a federally-recognized tribe (a sovereign nation within the state's borders).

House Bill 4097, as amended, authorizes the Office of Emergency Management to enter into agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation concerning its PSAP, consistent with current practice.