

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/11/16

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 02/11

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Huffman, Lively, Piluso

Exc: 1 - Parrish

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Incorporating discussion from informational meeting on February 9, 2016
- Length of time Warm Springs' 9-1-1 call center has been operative
- Volume of 2000+ incoming calls per year
- 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:

Replaces the measure.

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 PSAPs 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 4097A 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.