

Senate Committee On Rules

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/16/16

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

Meeting Dates: 02/16

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires members of Commission on Indian Services (Commission), who are not members of Legislative Assembly, to be selected by tribal governing body of member in accordance with procedures of tribe. Permits majority of members of Commission, who are not members of Legislative Assembly, to attend federal or tribal meetings, conferences, events or ceremonies and not be considered quorum.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recognition of sovereignty of tribal members and role as public officials
- Different appointment procedures of each federally recognized tribal government
- Role and objectives of Commission
- Types of intertribal business

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Requires tribal members of Commission be selected by tribal governing body of member in accordance with procedures of tribe.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission on Indian Services (the Commission) was established by the State of Oregon for the purpose of improving services with American Indians in the state. It is comprised of four legislative members and nine tribal members who serve two-year terms.

Currently, all members of the Commission are appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Senate President (ORS 172.110). Senate Bill 1528-A permits tribal members to be selected by the tribal council of that member in accordance with procedures of that tribe. In addition, the measure permits a majority of the tribal members of the Commission to attend a federal or tribal meeting, conference, event or ceremony and not be considered a quorum for purposes of transacting business.