

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 02/23/16

**Action:** Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/23

**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney

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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 (PSAP).

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs' PSAP.
- Need for statutory authority.

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**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.