

**HB 3376 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Specifies that federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon may apply for grants under the emergency preparedness grant program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2687 (2017), creating the State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment (SPIRE) grant program. Through this program, qualified applicants may submit an application to the Office of Emergency Management for a grant to procure emergency preparedness equipment such as vehicles or other property. Such property must qualify for depreciation, meaning it must have a minimum cost of \$5,000 per item; leases, rentals, training, software, subscriptions, and partial funding are not available through the program. Applications are considered based on demonstrated need, ability to keep and maintain the equipment, inventory process, and commitment to partnership-based support. Equipment purchased through the program remains with the grantee of the duration of its useful life, unless reclaimed or repurposed.

The SPIRE program identifies "qualified applicants" as including local governments, special governments, and private, tax-exempt organizations with responsibility for, or expertise in, emergency preparedness. House Bill 3376 adds federally recognized Indian tribes to the list of entities qualifying for receiving SPIRE grants.