

**HB 3376 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Specifies that federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon may apply for emergency preparedness grants.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2017, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2687, creating the State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment grant program administered by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to assist local governments, special government bodies, and private tax-exempt organizations with the purchase of emergency preparedness equipment. Grant 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 grant recipient for the duration of its useful life, unless it is reclaimed or repurposed.

House Bill 3376 adds federally recognized Indian tribes to the list of entities that may apply for grants to purchase emergency preparedness equipment.

*Unanimous out of House committee and off the House floor.*