

SB 219 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds federally recognized Indian tribes located in this state to entities that can receive loans and grants for infrastructure projects from Regional Infrastructure Fund.

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How federal government determines economic development regions
- Lottery Bond funding and the application and award processes for the Regional Infrastructure Fund
- Project administration benefits of direct access by federally recognized Indian tribes
- Consistency with other Business Oregon programs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly created the Regional Infrastructure Fund in 2013 to provide grants and loans to local governments for Regional Solutions implementation projects, including long-range planning, research, and design. The Oregon Business Development Department, know as Business Oregon, administers the lottery-funded Regional Infrastructure Fund. A Grant & Loan Review Committee, comprised of a geographically diverse, odd number of representatives from the Business Oregon Commission and the Infrastructure Finance Authority Board, makes the final determination of project and award amounts.

Eligible entities are currently a city, county, authority, or entity organized under state statute or city or county charter, including any council of government. Senate Bill 219-A adds federally recognized Indian tribes located in Oregon as an eligible entity for grants and loans from the Regional Infrastructure Fund.