

**SB 219 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Economic Development**

**Carrier:** Rep. Bonham

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**Action Date:** 05/20/19

**Action:** Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

**Vote:** 10-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 10 - Barreto, Bonham, Drazan, Fahey, Helm, Lively, Marsh, McKeown, McLain, Wallan

**Exc:** 1 - Witt

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/10, 5/20

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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.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- How the federal government determines economic development regions
- Lottery Bond funding for Regional Infrastructure Fund and its application and award processes
- 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 representatives from the Business Oregon Commission and the Infrastructure Finance Authority Board, makes the final determination of project and award amounts.

Eligible entities currently include cities, counties, authorities, or entities 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.