

Senate Concurrent Resolution 31

Sponsored by Senators ROBLAN, HANSELL, Representative MCKEOWN; Representative SANCHEZ

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Expresses support for tribal recognition, self-determination and economic independence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the State of Oregon has well-established government-to-government relationships with
3 nine federally recognized tribal governments ("Oregon tribes"), all of which are headquartered
4 within the state's boundaries; and

5 Whereas on August 13, 1954, the Western Oregon Indian Termination Act and the Klamath
6 Termination Act, which terminated federal recognition of more than 60 tribes and bands of
7 indigenous peoples, became law; and

8 Whereas the termination of Oregon tribes proved to be an unmitigated disaster, resulting in
9 Native American deprivation, cultural losses, poverty, health problems and movement of many In-
10 dian people away from their communities; and

11 Whereas the termination of Oregon tribes substantially contributed to intergenerational eco-
12 nomic, cultural, social and environmental problems for the state and its residents; and

13 Whereas the State of Oregon honors and acknowledges the bravery and courage of tribal mem-
14 bers who advocated for recognition of their terminated tribes; and

15 Whereas the State of Oregon honors and acknowledges the just and rightful Acts restoring
16 federal recognition to the following tribes and bands of Indians: the Confederated Tribes of Siletz
17 Indians, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,
18 the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, the Klamath Tribes and the
19 Coquille Indian Tribe; and

20 Whereas the termination era represents a long-repudiated dark period in history, and the State
21 of Oregon must vigilantly ensure that this mistake will never be repeated; and

22 Whereas 2019 represents the 65th anniversary of the termination Acts; and

23 Whereas tribal termination and its impacts are not part of the curriculum of most Oregon
24 schools and will not be until the promise of Senate Bill 13 (2017) is fulfilled, but Oregonians young
25 and old should know about this tragic chapter of our history; now, therefore,

26 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

27 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, express our support for the federal
28 recognition, self-determination and economic independence of all nine Oregon tribes; and be it fur-
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30 Resolved, That we express our opposition to any involuntary efforts to terminate or otherwise
31 amend federal recognition laws for any Oregon tribe.

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