

The Coquille Indian Tribe

Oppose SB 1095

Chair Leiber, Vice-Chair Knopp and Committee Members,

The Coquille Indian Tribe strongly opposes SB 1095, as it is unnecessary and appears to be an attempt to undercut the work currently underway in the House Rules Committee on HB 3086.

HB 3086 was introduced in January and assigned to the House Emergency Management, General Government and Veterans Committee on January 20th.

Since that time HB 3086 has received a work session and passed out of committee to the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water, where it received two more public hearings and an additional work session and then moved to the House Rules Committee, where it currently sits.

To date, HB 3086 has 4 amendments proposed as well. Work on HB 3086 has been ongoing for months and it is not necessary to now introduce a competing bill.

Additionally, HB 3086 has been considered by parties on both sides of the issue, with support from five of the federally recognized tribes in Oregon, as well as the conservation and natural resources community.

HB 3086-4 addresses the need to align the ODFW Commission with river basin management areas in lieu of congressional districts, thus encouraging appointments be made from people who know the area and the habitat, rather than basing representation on most populated areas, which are often urban areas and individuals lacking the local knowledge of the river basins and their needs.

Please reject SB 1095 as a redundant and unnecessary bill, focus your time and energy on bills that require it and allow the process to proceed regarding HB 3086.

Sincerely,

Brenda Meade, Chairperson
Coquille Indian Tribe