

HB 3529 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Executive Officer of the Commission on Indian Services to offer quarterly training on the topics of tribal sovereignty, tribal relations, tribal consultation, and tribal customs, and requires each member of the Legislative Assembly and legislative branch employees to attend training at least once per year. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) was created by statute in 1975 with the intention to improve services to Indians in Oregon. It currently includes thirteen members who are appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate based on nominations submitted by American Indian tribes and certain communities in Oregon. All nine of the federally recognized Tribes in Oregon have a representative on the Commission.

The statutory duties of LCIS include

- compiling information about services to Indians;
- developing and sponsoring programs to inform about available services and to make needs and concerns known to both the public and private agencies whose activities affect Indians;
- encouraging public and private agencies to expand and improve services to Indians;
- assessing state agency programs operating for the benefit of Indians; and
- reporting biennially to the Legislative Assembly.

Oregon is home to nine federally recognized tribes, each a sovereign entity with distinct and unique histories, cultural traditions, and languages. The nine tribes are: the Burns Paiute Tribe; the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw; the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation; the Coquille Indian Tribe; the Klamath Tribes; the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians; the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde; and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.