

**Confederated Tribes *of the*
Umatilla Indian Reservation**

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Senator Alan Olsen
Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness
900 Court Street NE, S-425
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chairman Olsen and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, I am writing to convey support for HB 3376, relating to the emergency preparedness equipment grant program.

The CTUIR coordinates regularly with Oregon Emergency Management on disaster planning, response, mitigation and recovery even though federally recognized tribes can make declaration directly to FEMA. The CTUIR responders train and respond with local and regional responders and participate in several mutual aid agreements for emergency medical, emergency management, fire and law enforcement.

The CTUIR has similar physical and responder capabilities as counties to deploy and operate emergency response equipment. HB 3376 will support the mission of preparing for disasters and maintaining readiness alongside our local and regional emergency responders.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. We urge your support.

Sincerely,

Gary Burke, Chairman
Board of Trustees