

SCR 31 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the nine, federally recognized tribes in Oregon
- Effect of the Termination Act on Native American communities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State of Oregon has well-established, government-to-government relationships with nine federally recognized tribal governments, all of which are headquartered within the state's boundaries.

On August 13, 1953, the Western Oregon Indian Termination Act and the Klamath Termination Act, which terminated federal recognition of more than 60 tribes and bands of indigenous peoples, became law. The termination of Oregon tribes resulted in Native American deprivation, cultural losses, poverty, health problems, and the movement of many Indian people away from their communities.

The State of Oregon honors and acknowledges the bravery and courage of tribal members who advocated for recognition of their terminated tribes. In addition, the State of Oregon honors and acknowledges federal legislation restoring federal recognition to the following tribes and bands of Indians: the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, the Klamath Tribes, and the Coquille Indian Tribe.