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Representative John Lively, Chairman
House Committee on Economic Development
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE, Room 333
Salem, Oregon 97301

Regarding: Letter Supporting SB 219

Dear Chairman Lively and Members of the Committee:

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) is pleased to submit a letter supporting Oregon Senate Bill 219 (SB219). SB 219 amends section 3, chapter 786, Oregon Laws 2013 and authorizes the issuance of lottery bonds to produce net proceeds that will transfer to the Oregon Business Development Department for deposit in the Regional Infrastructure Fund. The Regional Infrastructure Fund will provide grants and loans to local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes located in Oregon for infrastructure projects, including long-range planning, research and design.

The Legislative Assembly notes that job creation and economic development through integrated development of infrastructure creates a foundation for expanding existing businesses. As the largest employer in Lincoln County, the CTSI certainly understands the need to develop new and enhance existing infrastructure.

The creation of sustainable employment in Lincoln County is a top priority for the CTSI. It is without hesitation that we support SB219, which includes federally recognized Tribes as eligible participants.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support.

Respectfully,

Delores Pigsley
Tribal Chairman