

SB 288 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Business and General Government

Action Date: 02/19/19

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Girod, Hass, Olsen, Riley

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds special districts to list of public bodies that may hold public meetings within Indian country of federally recognized Oregon Indian tribe that is within Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of coordination and cooperation between state and local government and federally recognized Indian tribes located within Oregon
- Support from special districts for authority to hold public meetings on the land of federally recognized Indian tribes
- Federal definition of "Indian country" which includes reservations, trust lands, and dependent Indian communities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current statute allows the public body of a state, county, or city entity to hold public meetings within Indian country of federally recognized Indian tribes located within Oregon. Special districts are units of local government that provide specified services including water supply, cemetery maintenance, mass transit, and sanitation. Senate Bill 288 adds special districts to the units of government that can hold public meetings on the land of federally recognized Indian tribes located within Oregon.