SB 731 A   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Sanchez

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date:	05/25/21
Action:	Do Pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote:	6-3-1-0
Yeas:	6 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Morgan, Power, Wilde
Nays:	3 - Lewis, Noble, Wallan
Exc:	1 - Kropf
Fiscal:	No fiscal impact
Revenue:	No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates:	5/20, 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals law enforcement unit compliance requirements relating to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) authority over tribal law enforcement agencies. Requires tribes and tribal law enforcement units to follow the DPSST regulations related to disclosure of information about public safety officers and regulations related to tribal police. Requires the tribe to notify DPSST of the dates of hire, separation, and the reason for separation of employment when an authorized tribal officer separates from tribal government employment. States that measure does not regulate the activities of tribal police officers or tribal government occurring in Indian country or on the land of a tribal government, or outside Indian country or the land of a tribal government but within a tribe's civil or criminal jurisdiction.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Sovereign nation status and interaction with state laws
- Recently passed police-related legislation
- Tribes regulating their own officers when on the reservation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

There are nine federally recognized tribes located within Oregon's borders. Authorized tribal police officers have the powers and protections provided to Oregon law enforcement officers under certain conditions.

Senate Bill 731 A repeals general law enforcement unit compliance requirements relating to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) authority over tribal law enforcement agencies but requires the tribe to follow the DPSST regulations related to disclosure of information about public safety officers and regulations related to tribal police.