

## HB 2139 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/10, 2/19

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Housing and Community Services Department to study housing and report to the legislature by September 15, 2026.

*Fiscal impact: Fiscal impact issued*

*Revenue impact: No revenue impact*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Government to government collaboration leading up to creating the By and For Initiative, Native American Tribes of Oregon (BAFI-NATO) program
- Lessons learned from BAFI-NATO program
- Funding allocation and dissemination process
- Tribal land use codes and regulations interaction with state codes and regulations
- Outcomes of BAFI-NATO program
- Barriers and needs to sustainable housing for Oregon tribes
- Tribal housing work group

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure. Directs the Housing and Community Services Department to make grants to federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon for providing affordable housing, rental assistance, down payment and homeownership assistance, emergency housing assistance or shelter to tribal communities, as well as other actions to address homelessness, housing stabilization, homeownership development and affordable housing in tribal communities. Specifies grant eligibility requirements and administration requirements for the grant program by the Housing and Community Services Department. Establishes the Tribal Housing Grant Fund to award and administer the grants for federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon for providing affordable housing, rental assistance, down payment and homeownership assistance, emergency housing assistance or shelter to tribal communities.

Appropriates \$12,767,376 General Fund to the Tribal Housing Grant Fund for the 2025-2027 biennium.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) began allocating homeless services funding to the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon (House Bill 5202 (2022)). The By and For Initiative, Native American Tribes of Oregon (BAFI-NATO) program provides state funds to create or support local existing programs designed to prevent and reduce homelessness in tribal communities. BAFI-NATO funds are available for the following program components: street outreach, emergency, and transitional shelter; transitional housing; homelessness prevention; supportive housing services; rapid re-housing; data collection; shelter or transitional housing acquisition, rehabilitation, renovation or conversion; and community capacity building designed to enhance, expand or sustain homeless and prevention services. the [BAFI-NATO program has been funded](#) in the 2021-2023 and 2023-2025 biennium. Several tribes have blended BAFI-NATO and [Project Turnkey 2.0](#) funding.