

## **HB 3953 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Rules**

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/21, 5/19

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure allows federally recognized tribes to apply directly to the State Board of Education for sponsorship of a charter school.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of relationships between tribal nations and education system, including school districts
- Ability of tribal members to wear regalia to graduation ceremonies
- History of mascot issue
- Other legislation impacting tribal nations
- Study of tribal students in Oregon and related statistics from 2015 related to student outcomes and attendance
- Tribal Attendance Pilot Project/Promising Practices
- Need for tribal charter schools because of challenging relationships with local school districts
- Consultation with statewide organizations
- Funding for state-sponsored charter schools
- Request for amendment to clarify location of tribal charter schools and provide notice to school districts

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 The amendment removes a requirement that charter schools be established as a nonprofit organization if the applicant is a federally recognized Indian tribe.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In 1999, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 100, creating laws regulating public charter schools. The law created a process for those wishing to open public charter schools to apply for sponsorship from a local school district and for local school boards to evaluate and approve applications. Current law requires specific elements be included in a proposal for sponsorship, establishes requirements for the evaluation process and criteria, and allows the State Board of Education to both review local board decisions and to sponsor public charter schools whose proposal has been rejected by a school board.

Public charter schools receive public funding. Students enrolled in the public charter school are considered residents of the school district in which the public charter school is located.