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To: **Oregon House of Representatives** The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde From: May 5, 2025 Date: Floor Letter – Please Support House Bill 3532B Subject:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde urges your support of House Bill 3532B, a continuation of over two decades of work to remove derogatory words from geographic place names in Oregon.

The bill requires the Oregon Historical Society to make a list of offensive geographic names and recommend non-offensive names to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and requires the executive secretary of the Oregon Geographic Names Board to compile a list of geographic features that bear offensive names and assist in recommending new names for the geographic features. The bill also identifies tribal governments that should be consulted in the process of this very important work.

Oregon is truly unique when it comes to the relationship between the state and the tribes. Together, we have done amazing things, from Governor Atiyeh and the creation of the Commission on Indian Services, to Governor Kitzhaber's Executive Order 96-30, and then passage of SB 770, which put into statute the government-to-government relationship. We should all be proud as Oregonians of the work done to solidify a strong bond between the state and the tribes. HB 3532B is yet another example of the collaboration that continues to make Oregon a leader in state-tribal relations.

Please support HB3532B.

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