

HB 2139 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Action Date: 02/19/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 12-0-0-0

Yeas: 12 - Andersen, Breese-Iverson, Dobson, Edwards, Fragala, Gamba, Helfrich, Javadi, Levy E, Mannix, Marsh, Sosa

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/10, 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Housing and Community Services Department to make grants to federally recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon to provide affordable housing, rental assistance, down payment and homeownership assistance, emergency housing assistance or shelter to Tribal communities, and take other actions to address homelessness, housing stabilization, homeownership development, and affordable housing in Tribal communities. Grant eligibility and administration requirements and the Tribal Housing Grant Fund (Fund) are established. The measure appropriates \$12,767,376 General Fund to the Fund for the 2025-2027 biennium. An emergency is declared and the measure is effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Government to government collaboration leading up to creating the By and For Initiative, Native American Tribes of Oregon (BAFI-NATO) program
- Tribal housing work group overview
- Lessons learned and outcomes from BAFI-NATO program
- Funding allocation and dissemination process
- Interaction between Tribal land use codes and regulations with state codes and regulations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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.

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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.