

House Bill 3531

Sponsored by Representative HARTMAN, Senator BROADMAN; Representatives FRAGALA, GAMBA, GOMBERG, MCDONALD, WALTERS, Senators FREDERICK, MANNING JR, PATTERSON, WOODS

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act directs CIS to hire staff to aid tribes and state agencies to work together on natural resources management. The Act gives money to CIS for this purpose. The Act starts on July 1, 2025. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7).

Directs the Commission on Indian Services to employ a natural resources management tribal liaison officer to facilitate opportunities for integrated natural resources management between Indian tribes and state agencies with natural resources management duties. Appropriates moneys to fund the work of the liaison officer.

Declares an emergency, effective on July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Commission on Indian Services; creating new provisions; amending ORS 172.130; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 172.130 is amended to read:

6 172.130. The Commission on Indian Services:

7 (1) May employ an Executive Officer and other staff as may be necessary to carry out the pur-
8 poses of ORS 172.100 to 172.140; **and**

9 (2) **Shall employ a natural resources management tribal liaison officer to facilitate op-
10 portunities for integrated natural resources management between Indian tribes in Oregon
11 and those state agencies charged with natural resources management and water resources
12 management.**

13 **SECTION 2.** Section 3 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 172.100 to
14 172.140.

15 **SECTION 3.** The natural resources management tribal liaison officer described in ORS
16 172.130 (2) shall:

17 (1) **Identify and promote opportunities for improved integration and coordination between
18 tribes and state agencies or other governmental entities on natural resources-related issues;
19 and**

20 (2) **Assist with advancing the recommendations of the Oregon Tribal Water Task Force
21 and support continued facilitation of the work of the task force.**

22 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
23 ated to the Commission on Indian Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of
24 the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended to perform the duties
25 described in section 3 of this 2025 Act.

26 **SECTION 5.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
27 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **on July 1, 2025.**

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