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Representative Tawna Sanchez
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RE: HB 3532

Representative Sanchez,

Dai s'la (greetings, Friend!) Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 3532, which would direct the Oregon Geographic Names Board to prepare a list of offensive geographic place names in Oregon and suggest replacement names, all in consultation with Oregon tribes.

The Coquille Indian Tribe supports this legislation.

The Tribe does note that the legislation indicates that Section 1(3)(b) of the bill provides that, "[l]eaders and representatives shall be consulted only with respect to geographic features within the jurisdiction they represent." I am assuming that this provision does not apply to the proposed consultation with Oregon tribes. If I am incorrect, the legislation should allow each tribe to identify its own area of jurisdiction.

Thank you for advancing this important and overdue initiative.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brenda Meade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brenda" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Meade".

Brenda Meade, Chairperson
Coquille Indian Tribe