

Senate Bill 967

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

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**.

Allows tribal council of federally recognized Indian tribe to serve as local public health authority.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to local public health authorities; amending ORS 431.375.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 431.375 is amended to read:

5 431.375. (1) The Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon finds that each citizen of this state
6 is entitled to basic public health services which promote and preserve the health of the people of
7 Oregon. To provide for basic public health services the state, in partnership with county govern-
8 ments, shall maintain and improve public health services through county or district administered
9 public health programs.

10 (2) A county [*governments*] **government, tribal council of a federally recognized Indian tribe**
11 or health [*districts*] **district** established under ORS 431.414 [*are*] **is** the local public health authority
12 responsible for management of local public health services unless the county, **council or district**
13 contracts with private persons or an agency to act as the local public health authority or the
14 county, **council or district** relinquishes authority to the state. If authority is relinquished, the state
15 may then contract with private persons or an agency to perform the services.

16 (3) All expenditure of public funds utilized to provide public health services on the local level
17 must be approved by the local public health authority unless the county, **council or district** has
18 relinquished authority to the state or an exception has been approved by the Department of Human
19 Services with the concurrence of the Conference of Local Health Officials.
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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.