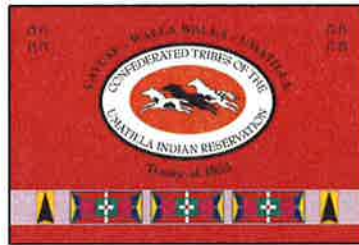


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February 2, 2015

Senator Chris Edwards  
Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
900 Court Street NE, Room 347  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: CTUIR Support for SB 259

Dear Chairman Edwards and Committee:

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) would like to express our support for Oregon Senate Bill 259. The CTUIR has long participated in the environmental review process of Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council site certificate applications and have been unable to be reimbursed for our work protecting cultural and natural resources important to the CTUIR. These projects have the potential to impact resources significant to the tribes, cities, counties and the state but up to this point only the state and non-tribal governments could received reimbursement.

The CTUIR inquired two years ago seeking a reimbursement similar to what the state, cities and counties receive. We were told the State would need to look into it and were working with their attorneys to address the matter. The CTUIR is pleased this bill is being introduced and supports the language for Tribes to be reimbursed for the review of Oregon Energy Facility Site Council site certificate applications.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Burke".

Gary Burke, Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation