

**STATEMENT
OF
SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS
BEFORE THE
JULY 24, 2001 HEARING
ON
S. 266
A BILL REGARDING THE USE OF THE TRUST LAND
AND RESOURCES OF THE CONFEDERATED
TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION**

The Committee meets this morning to receive testimony on a bill which provides for the ratification by the Congress of an agreement between the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, the Department of the Interior, and the Portland General Electric Company.

This agreement would provide the Warm Springs Tribes with the means to secure an ownership interest in the Pelton project and become a co-applicant with the Portland General Electric Company in the licensing process of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

I am pleased to welcome the senior senator from Oregon, the honorable Ron Wyden, and the junior senator from Oregon, the honorable Gordon Smith, to the Committee.

Gentlemen, welcome to the Committee.