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Oregon Latino Agenda for Action Oregon Hispanic Bar Association Oregon Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Oregon Association of Latino Administrators Oregon Latino Health Coalition Oregon Latina Nurses Association Oregon Child Development Coalition Oregon Human Development Corp. Organización de Campesinos. Indígenas de Oregón (OCIMO) Instituto para los Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME) Casa Jaliscense U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute Rural Development Initiative Latino Union Leadership Network Latino Partnership Project, Oregon Community Foundation Diversified Builders, Engineers Council (DBEC) Hispanic Advisory Committee, City of Hermiston Latino Alliance of Willamette Valley Hispanic Entrepreneurs, Rogue Valley Hispanic Leadership Outreach Roundtable, Eastern Oregon Northeast Oregon Network, La Grande Latino Network, Portland VOZ MLK Day Laborer Center, Portland Centro Latinoamericano, Eugene Centro Cultural, Cornelius Latino Community Association, Bend Adelante Mujeres, Forest Grove Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality Una Voz, UNETE, Rogue Valley PCUN, Marion County UNIDOS Bridging Community, McMinnville IZO Marketing Lara Media Services El Hispanic News Noticias Latinas Cita con Nelly

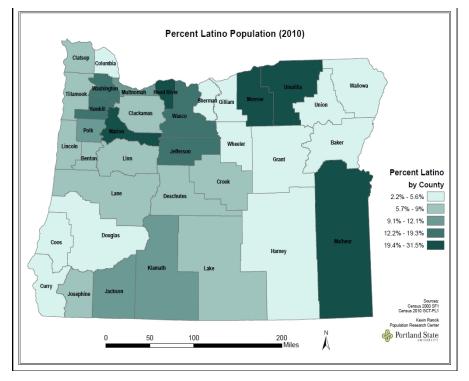
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Forecast for 2013

Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs 1983 – 2013 – 30 Years of Service









Background - The mission of the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs is to work toward economic, social, political and legal equality for Oregon's Hispanic population. The Commission is authorized by Oregon Revised Statute 185.310 - 185.330 to:

- 1. Monitor existing programs and legislation designed to meet the needs of Oregon's Hispanic population.
- 2. Identify and research problem areas and issues affecting the Hispanic community and recommend actions to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly, including recommendations on legislative programs.
- 3. Maintain a liaison between the Hispanic community and government entities.
- 4. Encourage Hispanic representation on state boards and commissions.
- 5. Hold meetings to conduct its business

The Commission also:

• Focuses on a statewide context – from the rural, urban, suburban, and coastal regions—to identify current programs and determine what gaps exist in social services, workforce development, economic/business opportunities

• Testifies before the Oregon Legislature on bills and measures deemed appropriate by the Commission and constituency.

• Seeks and identifies emerging Hispanic leadership throughout the state.

• Works with its sister advocacy commissions, the Commissions on Women, Black, and Asian Affairs to foster greater community as well as the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for all racial and ethnic diversity in Oregon.

Meetings - The Commission holds regularly scheduled public meetings with stated agendas, with time included for public comment so that the general public take can part in the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for minorities in Oregon. The Commission also invites key organizational decision-makers, elected and public officials, and stake-holders to give brief presentations and updates that are of interest to the Hispanic/Latino community. In addition, Hispanic/Latinos are encouraged to speak on important and timely issues and offer queries the Commission can then bring before the Governor and state legislators. Meeting sites vary depending on agendas and community outreach efforts, or special invitations by local organizations.

In 2013, the March meeting is slated for Hood River, Oregon, the May meeting in Bend, Oregon. A statewide Hispanic Advocacy Day is slated for late Spring.

2013 Legislative Priorities (sampling)

- Public Safety Act
- Wage Theft
- Hate Crimes Prosecution
- Tuition Equity
- Affordable, Accessible, Culturally Competent Health Care
- State Budget Itemization
- Investment in Education Early Childhood to College Retention

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