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Agency Summary

There are nine federally recognized tribal governments in Oregon plus two federally recognized tribal governments with reservation lands or ceded lands within the state and one additional federally recognized Tribal government with treaty-based areas of interest within Oregon along the Columbia River. The Legislative Commission on Indian Services functions to assist the state of Oregon by serving as the point of contact and advice for over 33 state agencies, local governmental bodies and several federal agencies operating within Oregon to assist these agencies in meeting their responsibilities to consult and coordinate with tribal governments as required by numerous state and federal laws and policies. Since the passage of ORS 182.162-.168 (Oregon's state-tribal government-to-government law -2001) and Executive Order 96-30 (1996) the main focus of CIS is on the State's interaction with the nine federally recognized tribal governments in Oregon.

CIS maintains a staff of 2.00 FTE. Policy development and adoption, program implementation, agency action review and on-going staff and Commission activities are discussed and decided at Commission meetings, at the direction of the Chair, or as appropriate, forwarded to or brought forward from the governing bodies of tribal governments by their authorized tribal governmental representative on the Commission. The purpose of contact with CIS is to promote positive government-to-government interactions with specific suggestions and feed-back as well as to provide a forum to give timely attention to areas of concern or friction that may benefit from some CIS intervention, strategy, discussion or action. CIS has a statutory responsibility to provide recommendations to the Legislative and Executive Branch of state government and focuses on building and maintaining a state-tribal relationship based on an understanding of the sovereignty and jurisdictional issues that are unique to States and the Tribal governments.

On a daily basis the CIS Executive Director is in face-to-face, e-mail or phone contact with state agencies, federal agencies, local governments, Oregon tribal governments and public officials. The Executive Director often provides analysis to CIS members and others on issues that may affect tribal interests. The Executive Director and Commission Assistant respond to information inquiries from all types of governmental agencies, department staff, Tribal leaders and tribal staff as well as the general public regarding Indians and Indian issues. On an on-going basis CIS staff compile and revise directories, informational brochures, background materials, articles and newsletters. Numerous state agencies use CIS as a way to forward information, get a response from tribal governments and/or get appropriate contacts within tribal governments.

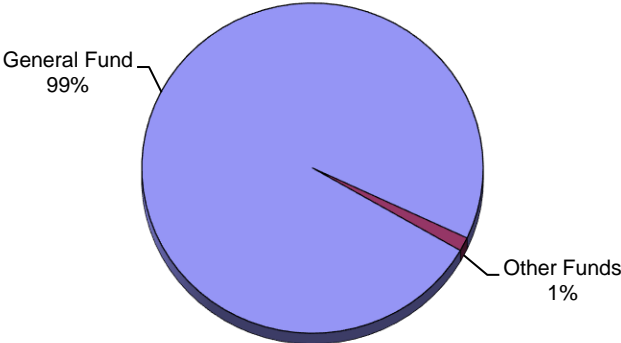
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In particular, CIS is the place for state agencies to discuss new initiatives, seek advice and provide information to CIS representatives of Oregon’s tribal governments. The CIS also serves as the forum for issues concerning policies, programs or action (or inaction) of the State raised by representatives of Oregon Tribes and Indian communities. CIS serves the public, Oregon Tribal governments and Indians who live in the state as well as state, federal, and local agencies with questions or concerns related to natural and cultural resources, health, education, public safety, economic development and state and community services. CIS also assists private firms (particularly developers and those whose projects require state archaeological permits), public interest groups and other organizations, foreign government officials, schools, universities and others who are required to interact or seek to interact with Oregon Tribes or Oregon Indian communities. CIS designs, provides and/or reviews statutorily-required trainings & reports and sponsors informational events throughout the year.

Budget Summary Graphics

The 2017-2019 Agency Request Budget is allocated as follows:

Allocation by Fund Type



17-19 ARB budget		
General Funds	99%	539068
Other Funds	1%	7035
Total	100%	546103

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Mission Statement & Statutory Authority

Per ORS 172.100 et. seq. the Commission on Indian Services (CIS) exists to compile information on services available to Indians, to assess State programs and services, and make recommendations for improvement. CIS serves as the State forum in which Indian problems and solutions are considered. Per ORS 97.740 et. seq., ORS 273.705 et. seq., ORS 358.605 et. seq., and ORS 358.905 et. seq. the CIS must advise on matters relating to the preservation and protection of Indian historic and archaeological resources and to designate appropriate Tribes with inadvertent discovery of human remains and archaeological permits. Under ORS 182.162 – .168 the CIS is consulted on state agency training and reviews agency action with regard to state/tribal relations. Per ORS Chapter 69, CIS advises on matters relating to the preservation and protection of Indian fish, wildlife, historic, and archaeological resources in hydro development. Because of sovereignty concerns, CIS is, by statute a legislative, advisory body.

Agency Strategic/Business Plans

Long Term Plan

Continue to compile information on services available to Indians, to monitor state agency action regarding policy development and program implementation that has the potential to have a positive, negative or neutral impact on the interests of Oregon's nine federally recognized tribal governments, to assess State programs and services, make recommendations for improvement and serve as the State forum in which Indian problems and solutions are considered. Continue to advise state agencies on improving state-tribal relations and continue to provide statutorily required assistance in issues affecting Oregon Tribal governments.

2017-2019 Short Term Plan

State, local and federal governmental and non-governmental agencies have become increasingly more reliant upon CIS to provide technical, coordinative, and consultative support to assist agencies in more appropriately carrying out either agency obligations in serving Oregon's Indian population or to make contact with Tribal governments and Indian communities for policy or programmatic reasons. The CIS has a high level of involvement in the government-to-government process and in assisting state agencies to meet their responsibilities under ORS 182.162-.168 (2001 – State/Tribal Relations) and other state laws and administrative rules.

The enactment of laws to protect Oregon's cultural heritage require consultation with CIS in the issuance of permits and administrative rules development. As more development projects occur throughout Oregon, the CIS statutory consultation responsibility has required more time and attention. This review and consultation activity has increased dramatically, primarily due to increasing construction and development projects state-wide, including pipelines, wind farms, transmission lines and various state and federal programs that specifically call for consultation with tribal governments (there are around 30 permit reviews and or development-related consultation requests/week).Expansion of CIS administrative responsibilities has significantly impacted CIS operations in increased demands for travel and communications, and attention of the Executive Director. The CIS has a critical role in monitoring State/Tribal relations. As interactions between Oregon's Tribal governments and the State of Oregon continue to grow with a wide-range of state agencies in many issue areas, the role of CIS as liaison has

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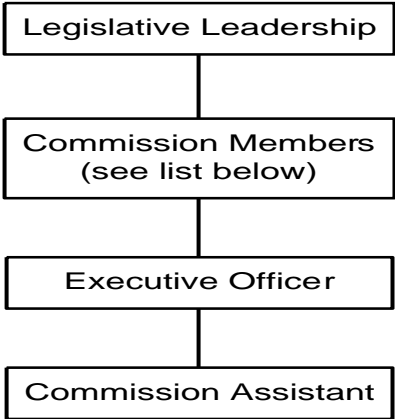
increased to facilitate this government-to-government relationship. CIS notes a large increase in requests from state agencies for information, training, consultation and strategies for successful interactions with Oregon's Tribal governments. Numerous statutes now require consultation with CIS in the selection of a tribal representative for various state boards and commissions or use the CIS as the point of contact for notification to appropriate Indian Tribes.

Criteria for 2015-17 Budget Development

The Commission on Indian Services' request for 2015-17 continues funding current operations at the current service level.

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Organization Chart



Commission Members-Jointly Appointed by Senate President and Speaker of the House

Burns Paiute Tribe
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw
Coquille Tribe
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians
Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde
Klamath Tribes
Confederated Tribes of Siletz

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Senator (2)
House Representative (2)

Commission may appoint one additional non-voting member
Associated w/ Indian Health Care Act Title V Urban Indian
Health Program