



# Legislative Commission on Indian Services

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# What is the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS)?



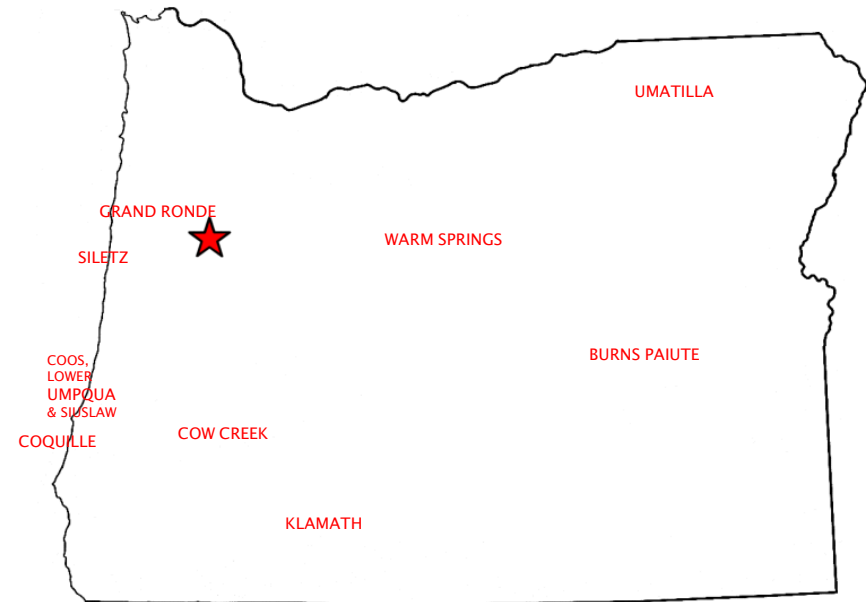
- Created by Statute in 1975 as the state's central forum for information about Indians in Oregon and discussion on state-tribal issues (ORS 172.100-140)
- Monitors and assists with the implementation & oversight of the State-Tribal Govt-to-Govt relationship as codified in statute in 2001 (ORS 182.162-.168) and numerous other statutes, executive orders and agency rules

# Who is the Commission?



The Legislative Commission on Indian Services consists of:  
13 members—joint appointments  
by House Speaker and Senate  
President

- ❑ Two members from Oregon Senate
- ❑ Two members from Oregon House of Representatives
- ❑ Nine (9) representatives from Tribal Councils
- ❑ One additional non-voting member appointed by the Commission who is associated with Indian health matters





# Legislative Commission on Indian Services Members 2021

- ❑ **Brenda Meade, (Chair) Coquille Indian Tribe (current LCIS Chair)**
- ❑ **Delores Pigsley, (Chair) Confederated Tribes of Siletz (current LCIS Vice-Chair)**
- ❑ **Cheryle Kennedy, (Chair)**  
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- ❑ **Dan Courtney, (Chair) Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians**
- ❑ **Diane Teeman, (Vice-Chair) Burns Paiute**
- ❑ **Debbie Bossley, (Chair) Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw**
- ❑ **Don Gentry, (Chair) Klamath Tribes**
- ❑ **Kat Brigman, (Chair) Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation**
- ❑ **Raymond Tsumpti, Sr., (Tribal Council)**  
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- ❑ **Senator Bill Hansell,**  
Senate Representative
- ❑ **Senator Chuck Riley,**  
Senate Representative
- ❑ **Representative Tawna Sanchez,**  
House Representative
- ❑ **Representative Daniel Bonhman**  
House Representative
- ❑ **Jackie Mercer, (non-voting)**  
CEO, NARA/NW



# Primary Role of LCIS



- ❑ Foster communication between:
  - State and Tribal Governments
  - Other Governments and Tribal Governments
  - Tribe and Tribe
  - State of Oregon and other States about Tribal matters
- ❑ Efforts to maximize understanding, address issues
- ❑ Build relationships & partnerships where feasible
- ❑ Address shared areas of concern



# LCIS Fosters Communication



- By using various methods to help identify:
  - Who to Contact (both tribal and State)
  - Why; How to get most effective response
  - Things to Consider; Protocol; Strategy
  - Next Steps; Follow-Up; Feedback

# What LCIS Does



- ❑ Provides information to Tribal Governments
- ❑ Provides Tribal Governments and others guidance for effective strategies of interaction with state agencies and the legislative process
- ❑ Provides state agencies, Legislators and others guidance for effective interaction with Tribal Governments

# What LCIS Does NOT Do

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- ❑ Speak for Oregon Tribal Governments or Indian organizations
- ❑ Interfere with issues that are inter-tribal matters
- ❑ Support activities or positions that fail to respect the sovereign status of Oregon's distinct 9 federally recognized tribal governments





## Statutory Responsibilities

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- ❑ To compile information about Indians in Oregon
- ❑ To monitor state agency actions and make recommendations for improvement
- ❑ To review archaeological permit applications and designate the appropriate Tribes that must be consulted
- ❑ To be notified in the event of the inadvertent discovery of human remains and to indicate which Tribes must be made aware of the discovery and included in the plans for reburial and related issues
- ❑ To be consulted for certain other state permits

# Statutory Responsibilities cont.

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- ❑ To be consulted in the selection of Tribal representation for certain statutory Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces
- ❑ To develop the Annual State Training on state-tribal relations
- ❑ To receive and review the Annual State Agency reports documenting state agency actions with individual Tribes
- ❑ To be the legislative liaison between the State and local agencies and tribal governments

# Products of LCIS



- ❑ Annual Government to Government Key Contact Directory
- ❑ Commission Website
- ❑ Tribal Governments Day at the State Capitol
- ❑ Tribal Governments - Legislative Day
- ❑ Oregon Directory of American Indian Resources (ODAIR)
- ❑ Training & Training/Educational Materials
  - Foundations / Fast Facts/Executive Director articles
  - Annual State Agency Training; on-going trainings

# LCIS New Work on the Oregon Tribal Cultural Items Task Force (Executive Order 17-12)

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- ❑ At the request of Oregon's tribes, the Governor issued EO 17-12 creating the Oregon Tribal Cultural Items Task Force
- ❑ In 2019 the Task Force completed a first of its kind survey of 36 agencies of cultural items in their possession
- ❑ Next phases include continued annual agency updates, and future surveys of public universities and colleges, and K-12 schools
- ❑ From the start, LCIS was not just a participant but increasingly assumed more of a leadership role in assisting the Office of the Governor on the work of the Task Force
- ❑ Plans call for increasing leadership by LCIS in staffing the work, including the Task Force's desire to codify its work

# Policy Option Package for one FTE staffing increase

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- ❑ Since its creation in 1975, the LCIS has remained with two FTE: Executive Director and assistant
- ❑ Since then:
  - 6 more Oregon tribes have been restored
  - Tribal gaming has added to tribal resources and interactions on governmental services
  - Oregon Tribal & State Government-To-Government relations have been established and codified, including:
    - ❑ Annual Summits; trainings; annual agency reports; work of State-Tribal representatives working in “Cluster” groups on policy issues, interests, and concerns (Cultural Resources; Natural Resources; Education; Health & Human Services; Economic Development & Community Services; and Public Safety)
  - Participate in and help lead the work of the Tribal Cultural Items Task Force

# At Your Request



- ❑ LCIS Executive Director and staff are available for:
  - Email, phone, or in-person consultations or inquiries
  - Speaking Engagements
  - Training
  - Guidance in tribal/state interactions

