

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 1531

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Sponsored by Senators WAGNER, LIEBER, KNOPP; Senators ANDERSON, MANNING JR, SOLLMAN, Representatives DIEHL, SCHARF, WRIGHT (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act would create a body to plan for America's 250th birthday. The Act would require the views of Indian tribes to feature in the birthday planning and activities. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.8).

[Digest: The Act would create a body to plan for America's 250th birthday. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).]

Establishes a semiquincentennial commission, to be known as the America 250 Oregon Commission, to coordinate and provide guidance for Oregon's official observance of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States. **Establishes the America 250 Oregon Subcommittee in the Commission on Indian Services to communicate the positions of the nine federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon to the America 250 Oregon Commission. Adds the Executive Officer of the Commission on Indian Services to the voting members of the America 250 Oregon Commission. Requires the America 250 Oregon Commission to consult with the tribes about including Oregon's tribal history in semiquincentennial activities throughout the state.**

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the American semiquincentennial; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The America 250 Oregon Commission is established, consisting of 27**
5 **members appointed as provided in subsection (2) of this section.**

6 **(2)(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two nonvoting members from among**
7 **members of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two nonvoting members**
9 **from among members of the House of Representatives, one from the majority party and one**
10 **from the minority party.**

11 **(c) The Governor shall appoint 13 voting members as follows:**

12 **(A) One member representing the Oregon Heritage Commission.**

13 **(B) One member representing the Oregon Arts Commission.**

14 **(C) One member representing the Trust for Cultural Development Board.**

15 **(D) One member representing the Commission on Black Affairs.**

16 **(E) One member representing the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs.**

17 **(F) One member representing the Commission on Hispanic Affairs.**

18 **(G) One member representing the Commission for Women.**

19 **(H) Six members representing the public at large.**

20 **(d) The following 10 voting members shall serve ex officio:**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (A) The Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society or the executive director's
2 designee.

3 (B) The State Treasurer or the treasurer's designee.

4 (C) The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee.

5 (D) The Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction or the deputy superintendent's
6 designee.

7 (E) The State Parks and Recreation Director or the director's designee.

8 (F) The Director of the Oregon Business Development Department or the director's
9 designee.

10 (G) The executive director of the Oregon Tourism Commission or the executive director's
11 designee.

12 (H) The Director of Veterans' Affairs or the director's designee.

13 (I) The Governor's director of tribal affairs or the director's designee.

14 (J) The Executive Officer of the Commission on Indian Services or the executive officer's
15 designee.

16 (e) The America 250 Oregon Commission may by majority vote invite additional individ-
17 uals to serve as nonvoting honorary members of the commission.

18 (f) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
19 ment to become immediately effective.

20 (3) The commission shall:

21 (a) Coordinate and provide guidance for Oregon's official observance of the 250th anni-
22 versary of the establishment of the United States, as marked by the Declaration of Inde-
23 pendence in 1776.

24 (b) Consult with the nine federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon when planning and
25 developing activities throughout the state in order to meaningfully include Oregon's tribal
26 history.

27 (c) Seek to ensure an official observance that is inclusive and shares the histories of
28 Oregon's diverse populations, including the histories of the Native American peoples who
29 have an ancestral and tradition connection to this state.

30 (4) The commission may:

31 (a) Adopt rules necessary for the operation of the commission;

32 (b) Cooperate with national, regional, state, local and Native American organizations,
33 institutions, bodies and other public or private entities that are promoting the
34 semiquincentennial;

35 (c) Plan, conduct and assist with semiquincentennial events;

36 (d) Plan, support and produce educational resources and programs related to the
37 semiquincentennial;

38 (e) Engage in and encourage fundraising activities, including, but not limited to, the so-
39 licitation of charitable gifts, grants or donations;

40 (f) Coordinate interagency participation in the observance;

41 (g) Create subcommittees of the commission comprising members of the commission,
42 members appointed from the public at large and honorary members to further the goals of
43 the commission; and

44 (h) Engage in any other activity related to the powers and duties conferred on the com-
45 mission under this section.

1 (5) The commission shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
2 or of a majority of the voting members of the commission.

3 (6) A majority of the voting members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the
4 transaction of business.

5 (7) Official action by the commission requires the approval of a majority of the voting
6 members of the commission.

7 (8) The Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society or the executive director's
8 designee shall serve as chairperson.

9 (9) The Oregon Historical Society shall:

10 (a) Provide staff support to the commission.

11 (b) Direct and supervise the budgeting, recordkeeping, reporting and related administra-
12 tive and clerical functions of the commission.

13 (c) Print and disseminate for the commission any required notices, rules or orders
14 adopted by the commission.

15 (d) Expend and allocate any appropriations authorized by the Legislative Assembly to
16 carry out the purposes of this section.

17 (e) Collect all revenues other than those appropriated by the Legislative Assembly and
18 use them for the purposes of this section.

19 (10) The Oregon Historical Society may employ personnel, contract for services and re-
20 ceive, expend and allocate the proceeds of gifts, grants and donations on behalf of the com-
21 mission for the purposes of this section.

22 (11) Voting members of the commission are entitled to compensation and expenses as
23 provided in ORS 292.495.

24 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
25 the commission in the performance of the duties of the commission and, to the extent per-
26 mitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice that the mem-
27 bers of the commission consider necessary to perform their duties.

28 (13) No later than September 15 of each year, the commission shall submit a report in
29 the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly
30 related to historical commemorations. The report may include recommendations for legis-
31 lation.

32 **SECTION 1a.** Section 1b of this 2024 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 172.100 to
33 172.140.

34 **SECTION 1b.** (1) The America 250 Oregon Subcommittee is established within the Com-
35 mission on Indian Services.

36 (2) The purpose of the subcommittee is to provide coordination and guidance to the
37 America 250 Oregon Commission established under section 1 of this 2024 Act.

38 (3) The subcommittee shall consist of 10 members as follows:

39 (a) The Executive Officer of the Commission on Indian Services shall appoint the follow-
40 ing nine voting members:

41 (A) One member representing the Burns-Paiute Tribe.

42 (B) One member representing the Confederated Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Tribes.

43 (C) One member representing the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.

44 (D) One member representing the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon.

45 (E) One member representing the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reserva-

1 **tion.**

2 **(F) One member representing the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Res-**
3 **ervation.**

4 **(G) One member representing the Coquille Tribe.**

5 **(H) One member representing the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians.**

6 **(I) One member representing the Klamath Tribe.**

7 **(b) One nonvoting member who is the Executive Officer of the Commission on Indian**
8 **Services or the executive officer’s designee serving ex officio on the America 250 Oregon**
9 **Commission under section 1 (2)(d)(J) of this 2024 Act.**

10 **(4) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the executive officer shall make an appointment**
11 **to become immediately effective.**

12 **(5) The role of the nonvoting member described in subsection (3)(b) of this section is to:**

13 **(a) Serve as the liaison of the subcommittee to the America 250 Oregon Commission.**

14 **(b) Communicate the positions of the nine federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon**
15 **to the America 250 Oregon Commission in order to uplift the tribes’ histories and stories.**

16 **(6) The subcommittee may elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

17 **(7) The subcommittee shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair-**
18 **person or a majority of the voting members of the subcommittee.**

19 **(8) A majority of the voting members of the subcommittee constitutes a quorum for the**
20 **transaction of business.**

21 **(9) Official action by the subcommittee requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
22 **members of the subcommittee.**

23 **(10) The subcommittee may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the subcommittee.**

24 **SECTION 2. Sections 1 and 1b of this 2024 Act are repealed on January 2, 2028.**

25 **SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services,**
26 **for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000, to**
27 **be transferred to the Oregon Historical Society for the purpose of carrying out the provisions**
28 **of section 1 of this 2024 Act.**

29 **SECTION 4. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
30 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect**
31 **on its passage.**

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