

SCR 9 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure honors the Legislative Commission on Indian Services for 50 years of service to the State of Oregon.

Fiscal impact: No impact

Revenue impact: No impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1975, the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) was created to advise the Legislative Assembly, and other state officials and agencies, on the needs of American Indian people in Oregon. When established, it was the first state commission of its kind: a permanent forum for consideration of tribal-state government relations and consultation.

LCIS has 13 members who are nominated by local tribes and selected by the Legislative Assembly. It serves as a means of communication between state and tribal governments to inform their respective decision-making processes. It works closely with, and is composed of, members representing Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes.

LCIS holds meetings to familiarize its members with current problems facing American Indians and to discuss possible solutions. It often invites representatives of state or federal agencies to discuss their programs as they affect the Indian population in Oregon. LCIS monitors legislation affecting American Indians, both while it is being considered by the Legislative Assembly and after it becomes law. It presents information to the Legislative Assembly on issues of importance to Indians in Oregon. LCIS actively promotes intergovernmental cooperation and coordination as a means of enhancing the well-being of American Indians in Oregon.

LCIS believes that one of the best ways to assist American Indians is to help them help themselves; therefore, while LCIS will often take the lead in addressing needs and concerns, it will also encourage Indians to find their own solutions. LCIS embodies the State of Oregon's commitment to recognize the existence of Oregon's American Indian communities and their needs and, in 2025, LCIS will mark its 50th year.

Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes are: the Burns Paiute Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Klamath Tribes.