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**ORS 182.162 Definitions for ORS 182.162 to 182.168.** As used in ORS 182.162 to 182.168:

- (1) “State agency” has the meaning given that term in ORS 358.635.
- (2) “Tribe” means a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon.

## **ORS 358.635**

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(2) “State agency” includes all officers, employees, agencies, boards, committees and commissions of the legislative, executive, administrative and judicial branches of state government.

# 50 years ago - The State of Oregon formally recognizes its relationship with the Tribes of Oregon

ORS 172.100 - Legislative policy: It is declared to be the policy and intent of the Legislative Assembly that:

(1)The State of Oregon shall establish a Commission on Indian Services for the purposes of improving services to American Indians in this state and promoting communication and relations between the State of Oregon and the nine federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon.

# ORS 182.164 State agencies to develop and implement policy on relationship with tribes; cooperation with tribes.

- (1) A state agency shall develop and implement a policy that:
  - (a) Identifies individuals in the state agency who are responsible for developing and implementing programs of the state agency that affect tribes.
  - (b) Establishes a process to identify the programs of the state agency that affect tribes.
  - (c) Promotes communication between the state agency and tribes.
  - (d) Promotes positive government-to-government relations between the state and tribes.
  - (e) Establishes a method for notifying employees of the state agency of the provisions of ORS 182.162 to 182.168 and the policy the state agency adopts under this section.
- (2) In the process of identifying and developing the programs of the state agency that affect tribes, a state agency shall include representatives designated by the tribes.
- (3) A state agency shall make a reasonable effort to cooperate with tribes in the development and implementation of programs of the state agency that affect tribes, including the use of agreements authorized by ORS 190.110.

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- (1) At least once a year, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commission on Indian Services, shall provide training to state agency managers and employees who have regular communication with tribes on the legal status of tribes, the legal rights of members of tribes and issues of concern to tribes.
- (2) Once a year, the Governor shall convene a meeting at which representatives of state agencies and tribes may work together to achieve mutual goals.
- (3) No later than December 15 of every year, a state agency shall submit a report to the Governor and to the Commission on Indian Services on the activities of the state agency under ORS 182.162 to 182.168. The report shall include:
  - (a) The policy the state agency adopted under ORS 182.164.
  - (b) The names of the individuals in the state agency who are responsible for developing and implementing programs of the state agency that affect tribes.
  - (c) The process the state agency established to identify the programs of the state agency that affect tribes.
  - (d) The efforts of the state agency to promote communication between the state agency and tribes and government-to-government relations between the state and tribes.
  - (e) A description of the training required by subsection (1) of this section.
  - (f) The method the state agency established for notifying employees of the state agency of the provisions of ORS 182.162 to 182.168 and the policy the state agency adopts under ORS 182.164.