

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: February 2, 2026
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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OREGON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon Human Rights Commission subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointment

Elizabeth Brownhill of Portland

Term

February 20, 2026 – February 19, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 427.401 \(2025\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission has nine members and includes:

- one individual who has an intellectual or developmental disability and who receives community-based services from Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) (PLOURDE);
- one family member of an individual who has an intellectual or developmental disability (VACANT);
- one sibling of an individual who has an intellectual or developmental disability (JOHNSON);
- one self-advocate for the rights of individuals who have intellectual or developmental disabilities and who is a representative of an organization that promotes disability self-advocacy (GUEDON);
- two representatives from a disability advocacy organization (**BROWNHILL**, VACANT);
- one service provider identified in the individualized service plan of an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability (SMITH);
- one representative of ODHS (SAHR); and

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2025\)](#) and [ORS 171.565 \(2025\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2025\)](#);

³ [ORS 427.401 \(2025\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2025\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2025\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- one behavioral intervention model expert approved by ODHS (SEARLE).

Members may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The Governor must solicit recommendations from the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities and Disability Rights Oregon. The commission elects its chair. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.

Duties⁴

The commission is established within the Department of Human Services to safeguard the dignity and basic human rights of individuals who have intellectual or developmental disabilities. The commission must:

- receive complaints of violations of the rights of persons receiving developmental disability services; and
- establish a statewide regional advisory committee system for committees to conduct informational hearings about the violation of those rights.

⁴ [ORS 427.109 to 427.403 \(2025\)](#).



Human Rights Commission

Agency: **Human Services, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 427.401**

Min Members: **9** Max Members: **9**

Term Length: **3** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Human Services**

Board Admin: **Caitlin Shockley**

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Current Appointments

Mr Plourde, Edward M

Receives Services

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **10/1/2023 - 9/30/2026**

10/1/2020 - 9/30/2023

Johnson, Ruth

Sibling

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 2/15/2028**

Ms Guedon, Gabrielle H

Self-Advocate - Organization Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **10/1/2023 - 9/30/2026**

10/1/2020 - 9/30/2023

Brownhill, Elizabeth

Disability Advocacy Org Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **2/20/2026 - 2/19/2029**

Smith, Jasper

Service Provider

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027**

Sahr, Carolyn

ODHS Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027**

Searle, Carole

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 2/15/2027

Behavioral Intervention Models Expert

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **9**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
2	<i>No prior appointments</i>			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
6	Ms Boga, Paula R	Governor	10/1/2020	9/30/2023