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
- Executive Order EO-96-30 (1996)
- SB 770 (2001)
Who is the Commission?

The Legislative Commission on Indian Services consists of:
- 13 members—joint appointments
  - By Speaker and Senate President
  - Two members from Oregon Senate
  - Two members from Oregon House of Representatives
  - Nine (9) representatives from Tribal Councils
  - One non-voting member appointed by the Commission—Indian health related
Legislative Commission on Indian Services Members 2014

- Dan Courtney, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Charlotte Roderique, Burns Paiute
- Bob Garcia, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw
- Brenda Meade, Coquille Indian Tribe
- Cheryle Kennedy, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Don Gentry, Klamath Tribes
- Delores Pigsley, Confederated Tribes of Siletz
- Leo Stewart, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Raymond Tsumpti, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Jackie Mercer, (non-voting) Portland Area Representative
- Senator Ted Ferrioli, Senate Representative
- Senator Arnie Roblan, Senate Representative
- Representative Greg Smith, House Representative
- Representative Caddy McKeon, House Representative
Primary Role of LCIS

- Foster communication between:
  - State and Tribal Governments
  - Other Government and Tribal Governments
  - Tribe and Tribe
  - State and State
- 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 (Who Else)
  - Why
  - Things to Consider
  - Next Steps
What LCIS Does

- Provides information to Tribal Governments and others to advocate for themselves as they choose
- 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

- Speak for Oregon Tribal Governments, or
- Speak for Indian Organizations
- LCIS Members do not use the Commission to support positions that have not been endorsed or ratified by LCIS
Statutory Responsibilities

- Statutes related to LCIS
  - [http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/cis_11_07/cis_orls.htm](http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/cis_11_07/cis_orls.htm)

- To compile information about Indians in Oregon
  - [http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/home.htm](http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/home.htm)
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- To monitor state agency actions
- 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
  - Treatment of Native American Human Remains
- To be consulted for certain other state permits
Statutory Responsibilities cont.

- 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
Products of LCIS

- Annual Government to Government Key Contact Directory
- Commission Website
- Tribal Government Day at the State Capitol
- Tribal Governments-Legislative Day
- Biennial Oregon Directory of American Indian Resources (ODAIR)
- Training Materials
  - Foundations / Fast Facts
  - Annual State Agency Training materials
At Your Request

- LCIS is available for:
  - Email, phone or in-person consultations or inquiries
  - Speaking Engagements
  - Training
Thank You

Any Questions?