



Legislative Commission on Indian Services



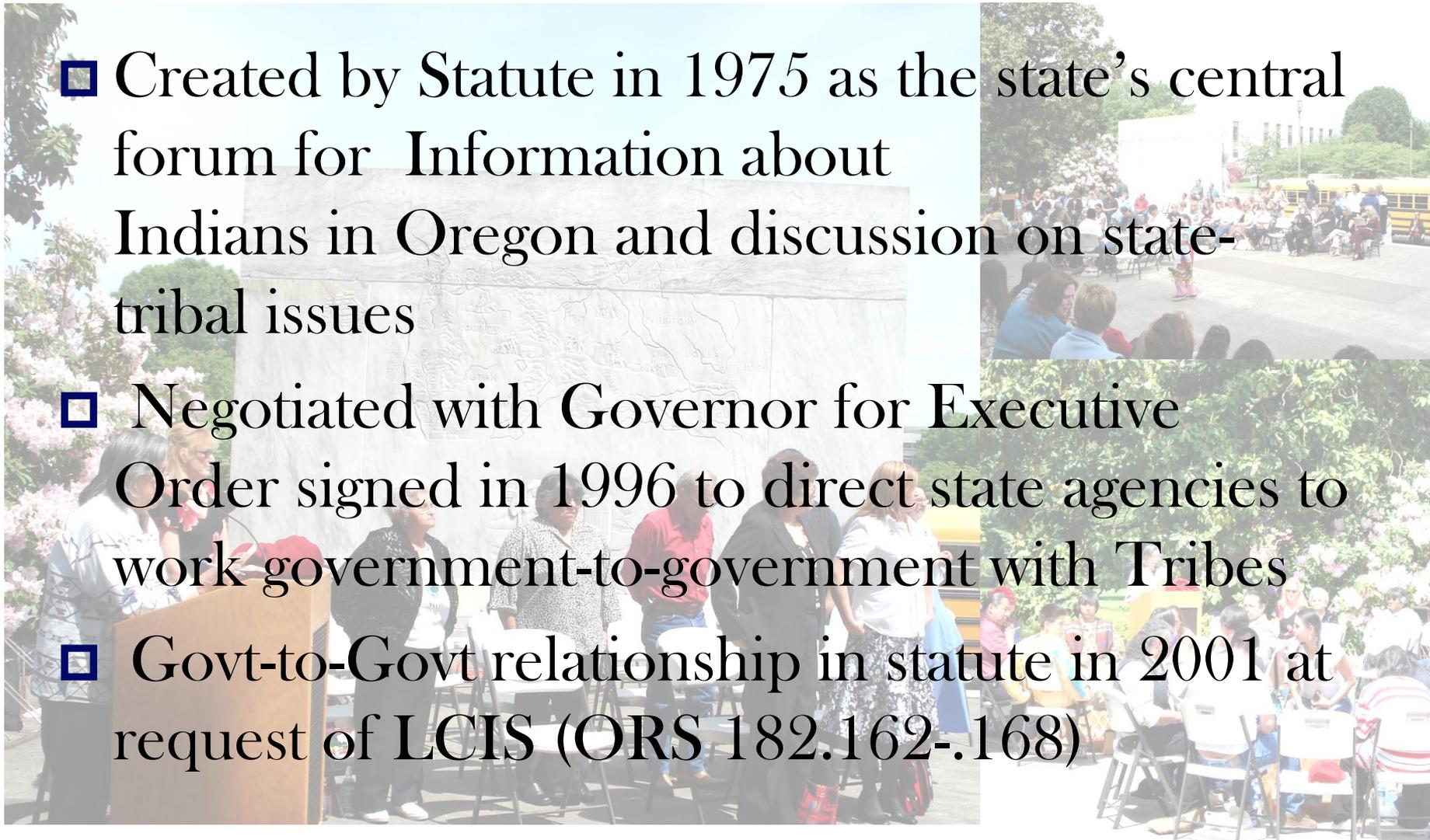
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What is the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS)?



- Created by Statute in 1975 as the state's central forum for Information about Indians in Oregon and discussion on state-tribal issues
- Negotiated with Governor for Executive Order signed in 1996 to direct state agencies to work government-to-government with Tribes
- Govt-to-Govt relationship in statute in 2001 at request of LCIS (ORS 182.162-.168)



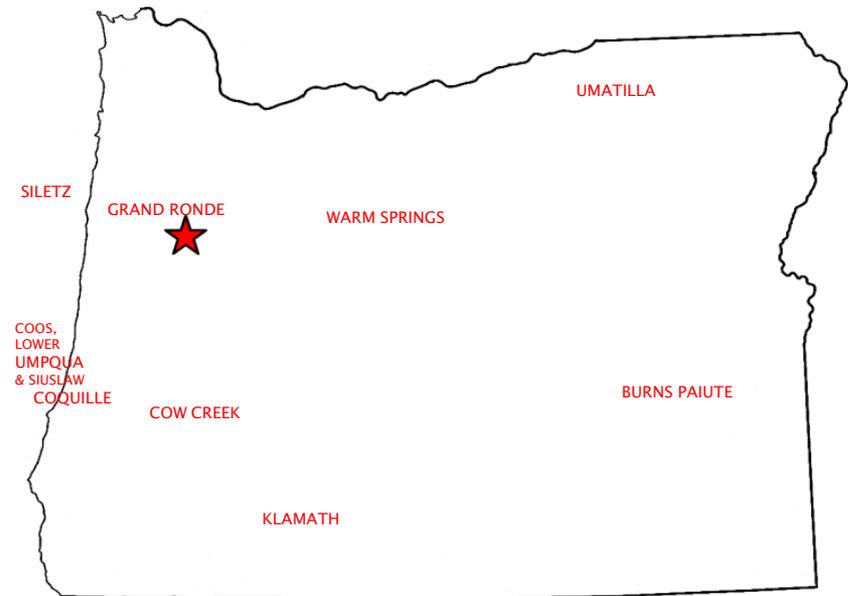
Who is the Commission?



The Legislative Commission on Indian Services consists of:

13 members—joint appointments by House 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 2015

- ❑ **Delores Pigsley**, (Chair)Confederated Tribes of Siletz (**current LCIS Chair**)
- ❑ **Dan Courtney**, (Chair)Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (**current LCIS Vice-Chair**)
- ❑ **Jarvis Kennedy**, (Tribal Council)Burns Paiute
- ❑ **Bob Garcia**, (Chair)Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw (**until a new appointment is made**)
- ❑ **Brenda Meade**, Coquille Indian Tribe
- ❑ **Cheryle Kennedy**, (Tribal Council) Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- ❑ **Don Gentry**, (Chair)Klamath Tribes
- ❑ **Aaron Hines**, (Bd of Trustees) Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation
- ❑ **Raymond Tsumpti**, (Tribal Council) Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- ❑ **Senator Ted Ferrioli**, Senate Representative
- ❑ **Senator Arnie Roblan**, Senate Representative
- ❑ **Representative Greg Smith**, House Representative
- ❑ **Representative Caddy McKeown**, House Representative
- ❑ **Jackie Mercer**, (non-voting) CEO, NARA/NW



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; How to get most effective response
 - Things to Consider; Protocol; Strategy
 - Next Steps; Follow-Up; Feedback

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
- ❑ Interfere with issues that are inter-tribal matters
- ❑ Support activities or positions that fail to respect the sovereign status of Oregon's distinct 9 federally recognized tribal governments



Statutory Responsibilities

- ❑ To compile information about Indians in Oregon
- ❑ To monitor state agency actions and make recommendations for improvement
- ❑ 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 Governments 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 Executive Director is available for:
 - Email, phone or in-person consultations or inquiries
(examples-open link)
 - Speaking Engagements
 - Training
 - Guidance in tribal/state interactions

