



State Representative Greg Smith

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Smith Appointed to International Trade & National Economic Committees

(Salem) "It is a great honor to receive these prestigious appointments and I hope to learn a great deal serving on these committees," said State Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) after he was named to two panels dealing with the economy on a local, state, national and international scale. Smith was appointed by House Speaker Karen Minnis (R-Wood Village) to serve on the Oregon [International Trade Commission](#) and to the [Economic Development, Trade and Cultural Affairs Committee](#) for the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#) (NCSL).

"Representative Smith's diverse background in economic and business development and his extensive business travel across the globe make him a great choice for these committees," explained Speaker Minnis. "The Oregon Legislature is fortunate to have someone with Representative Smith's level of experience in these areas."

Smith has traveled to 38 countries in five continents in his career. Most of these trips were designed to cultivate trade relations for Oregon producers of commodities such as vegetables and grains. He worked for the [Port of Morrow](#) for several years. It is the second largest in Oregon in terms of overall revenue, shipping products to Europe, Asia and other parts of the globe. Smith was also Vice-President of the [Pacific Northwest Economic Region](#) which also works extensively on trade policy.

"Oregon has only just started to realize its potential in foreign markets. The state can and should play a more proactive role in helping our business community thrive at home and abroad," noted Smith. The International Trade Commission, with its 17 members, is to "act as an advocate for the state's international trade agenda." (ORS 285A.133) The Commission works with the [International Trade Division of the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department](#).

In addition to his new international role, Representative Smith will also serve on the NCSL's Committee for Economic Development, Trade and Cultural Affairs. This Committee deals with a wide range of state and federal issues from export promotion and tax incentives to affordable housing and arts policies. Smith was the Chair of the House Budget Committee on Government, Transportation, and Economic Development this year which makes this NCSL assignment a great fit for him.

Smith will attend the [Governor's 2005 International Business Achievement Awards Tuesday, November 1st at the Portland Hilton Hotel](#). The award categories include "Exporter of the Year," "Global Trader of the Year", "Service to the International Community", and "Outstanding Achievement in International Business".

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