

# Chapter 172

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### COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

**172.010 Commission on Uniform State Laws; compensation and expenses of members.** (1) A commission hereby is created to be known as the Commission on Uniform State Laws which shall consist of:

(a) Three members of the bar who shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of four years each, or until their successors are appointed and qualify; and

(b) Any resident of this state who has been elected a life member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws because of long service in the cause of uniformity of state legislation.

(2) The commissioners shall meet at least once in two years and shall elect one of their number as chairman and another as secretary, each of whom shall hold office for a term of two years, or until a successor is elected and qualifies.

(3) Upon the death, resignation or failure or refusal to serve of any appointed commissioner, the office shall become vacant and the Governor shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the former appointee.

(4) A member is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495. [Amended by 1969 c 314 §9]

**172.020 Duties of the commission.** Each commissioner shall attend the meetings of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and both in and out of such national conference shall do all in the power of the commissioner to promote uniformity in state laws, in all subjects in which uniformity is desirable and practicable. The commission shall report to the legislature at each regular session, and from time to time thereafter as the commission deems proper, an account of its transactions and its advice and recommendations for legislation. It also shall be the duty of the commission to bring about as far as practicable the uniform judicial interpretation of all uniform laws.

### COMMISSION ON INDIAN SERVICES

**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 purpose of improving services with American Indians in the State of Oregon.

(2) The commission will not abrogate or supersede negotiations or relations that any Indian tribe, band or group might have or

develop individually with any state, federal or local government. [1975 c.688 §1, 1979 c.33 §1]

**172.110 Members; appointment; qualifications; term; quorum; compensation and expenses.** (1) The Commission on Indian Services shall be comprised of 12 members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Membership shall include:

(a) One member from the Senate.

(b) One member from the House of Representatives.

(c) One member from the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

(d) One member from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

(e) One member from the Burns-Paiute Tribe.

(f) One member from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon.

(g) One member from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.

(h) One member from the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians.

(i) One member from the Confederated Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Tribes.

(j) One member from the Klamath Tribe.

(k) One member from each of the following areas in which nonreservation Indians reside:

(A) Portland urban area.

(B) Willamette Valley area.

(2) If the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate is a member, either may designate from time to time an alternate from among the members of the appropriate house to exercise the powers of the Speaker or President as a member of the commission except that the alternate shall not preside if the Speaker or President is chairperson.

(3) All appointments of those representing the Indian population shall be made from nominees selected by the appropriate tribal council or the representative Indian organizations in the identified nonreservation areas.

(4) The term of office is two years. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term.

(5) In the event that other nonfederally recognized tribes indigenous to Oregon obtain federal recognition status, the Commission on Indian Services may recommend to the Legislative Assembly that membership on the commission be granted to such tribes who demonstrate proof of federal recognition

and their authority to speak in the interest of the tribe they represent. However, the total number of membership positions on the commission shall not exceed 12. In order to accommodate tribal representatives, the adjustment shall be made from among members designated under paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of this section. Individual nontribal groups and organizations shall not be considered for membership on the commission. Though individual nontribal groups and organizations shall not be specifically represented on the commission, the commission as a whole shall serve as a forum for considering the needs and concerns of these groups and organizations as well as the needs and concerns of all American Indians in Oregon.

(6) The commission shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson for a term of one year and shall determine the duties of the officers.

(7) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business but no final decision may be made without an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to the commission.

(8) Members who are not members of the Legislative Assembly may be paid compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495, from such funds as may be available to the commission therefor. Members who are members of the Legislative Assembly shall be paid compensation and expense reimbursement as provided in ORS 171.072, payable from funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly. [1975 c 688 §2, 1977 c.891 §4; 1979 c 33 §2; 1985 c 268 §1, 1985 c 565 §17; 1987 c 54 §1; 1987 c 879 §2]

**172.120 Duties and powers; report.** The Commission on Indian Services shall:

(1) Compile information relating to services available to Indians, including but not limited to education and training programs, work programs, housing programs, health programs, mental health programs including

alcohol and drug services, and welfare programs from local, state and federal sources and through private agencies.

(2) Develop and sponsor in cooperation with Indian groups and organizations, programs to inform Indians of services available to them.

(3) Develop and sponsor programs to make Indian wants and needs known to the public and private agencies the activities of which affect Indians. Encourage and support these public and private agencies to expand and improve their activities affecting the Indians.

(4) Assess programs of state agencies operating for the benefit of Indians and make recommendations to the appropriate agencies for the improvement of those programs.

(5) Report biennially to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly on all matters of concern to Indians of this state and recommend appropriate action. [1975 c.688 §3, 1979 c.33 §3]

**172.130 Executive Officer and employees.** The Commission on Indian Services may employ an Executive Officer and other staff as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of ORS 172.100 to 172.140. [1975 c 688 §4, 1985 c 268 §2]

**172.140 Authority to accept contributions; disposition of funds received.** The Commission on Indian Services may accept contributions of funds and assistance from the United States, its agencies, or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions thereon not inconsistent with the purposes of the commission. All such funds are continuously appropriated to aid in financing the functions of the commission and shall be deposited in the General Fund of the State Treasury to the credit of a separate account for the commission and shall be disbursed for the purpose for which contributed. [1975 c 688 §5; 1981 c.583 §4]