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





- Created by Statute in 1975 as the state's central forum for information about Indian's in Oregon
- A State Agency in the Legislative Branch
- LCIS jointly appointed for 2-year terms by Senate President & Speaker of the House
- □ LCIS members are Public Officials
- LCIS meetings are public and subject to the Public Meetings and Public Records laws

## Primary Role of LCIS





- **■** Foster communication between:
  - State and Tribes
  - Other Government and Tribes
  - 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, help identify:
  - Who to Contact (Who Else)
  - Why
  - Things to Consider
  - Next Steps













#### What LCIS Does







- Provide information to Tribal Governments and others to advocate for themselves as they choose
- Provide Tribes and others guidance for effective strategies of interaction with state agencies and the legislative process
- Provide state agencies,
  Legislators and others guidance for effective interaction with
  Tribes

# What LCIS Does NOT Do





- Speak for Oregon Tribal Government, 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\_ors.htm
- To Compile Information about Indians in Oregon
  - http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/home.htm
- To monitor state agency actions
- To review archaeological permit applications and designate the appropriate Tribes that must be consulted
- To <u>be</u> 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 <u>be</u> consulted for certain other state permits

# Statutory Responsibilities





- 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
  - 2010 Government to Government Annual Reports: <a href="http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/govrelations.htm">http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/govrelations.htm</a>

### Products of LCIS





- Legislative Alerts and Updates
- Annual Key Contact Directory
- Annual Tribal Government Day at the State Capitol
- Training Materials
  - Foundations and Fast Facts
  - Annual State Agency Training
- Ongoing Information of Interest in Promotion of Positive State-Tribal Relations
- Commission Website
- Biennial Oregon Directory of American Indian Resources (ODAIR)