

## Appendix G Tribal Government to Government Laws and Policies



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### STATE/TRIBAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

There are nine federally recognized Indian tribal governments located in the State of Oregon. These Indian tribes were in existence prior to the formation of the United States of America, and thus retain a unique legal status. The importance of recognizing the relationship that exists between the tribes and state government can not be underestimated.

As sovereigns the tribes and the State of Oregon must work together to develop mutual respect for the sovereign interests of both parties. The relationships between our governmental structures can only be built through trust and mutual respect .

The purpose of formalizing the government-to-government relationship that exists between Oregon's Indian tribes and the State is to establish a process which can assist in resolving potential conflicts, maximize key inter-governmental relations and enhance an exchange of ideas and resources for the greatest good of all of Oregon's citizens, whether tribal members or not.

#### IT IS ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. That the Governor's Legal Counsel or such other person as the Governor may from time to time designate, shall be accountable to the Governor for the implementation of this Executive Order and be responsible for convening an annual meeting where representatives of the State and the nine federally recognized Oregon tribal governments will work together to achieve mutual goals.



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2. That the head of each Cabinet level department who is either appointed by the Governor or who reports to gubernatorial appointees and is made subject to this Order by the Governor ( hereinafter "department") shall be accountable to the Governor's office for adopting a departmental State/Tribal Government statement that:

Recognizes that Oregon Indian tribal governments are interested in the development of state policy that affects tribal interests (hereinafter "state policy") and recognizes the desirability of dialogue between tribal governments and the state, with regard to those state policies;

- b. Identifies key personnel of the department as a "key contact[s]" responsible for coordination with tribal governments;
  - c. Establishes a process for the identification of those state policies by designated tribal representatives and key contacts ;
  - d. promotes dialogue between Oregon departments and tribal governments on those state policies ; and
  - e. That advances the government-to-government relationship by notifying staff and employees of this Executive Order.
3. Through the process established under this Executive Order the key contacts and designated tribal representatives shall identify issues of mutual concern arising from state policy. The departments and each tribal government shall make reasonable efforts to design solutions and develop programs to achieve mutual goals in relation to state policy.

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4. That each department shall recognize the opportunity to use a number of tools to achieve mutual cooperation including but not limited to use of cooperative agreements with Indian tribal governments as provided for in ORS 190.110 when it is appropriate to do so.
5. That each department shall provide key managers with periodic training which enables them to better recognize Indian issues and to understand and respect the legal status of tribal governments and of American Indians as citizens of Oregon who also have their own unique and distinct culture. It is important as well for the tribes to develop tribal training so its members will better understand the workings and process of state government. It is the hope of the state that these training's will enable the tribes and the state to learn about each other's cultures and improve our mutual ability to communicate our interests more clearly. The key contact and designated tribal representatives shall consult on the scope and content of training as well as the coverage of its cost.
6. That the departments shall work cooperatively to accomplish the goals of this order.

It is the hope of the state and the tribes that this executive order will result in improving the quality of communication between our sovereign governments. The tribes and the state recognize that this order cannot and is not intended to create a forum for resolution of all issues between the tribes and the state. Nor is it meant to replace presently existing lines of communications. Both the tribes and the state recognize that issues that are the subject of litigation or that are likely to become the subject of litigation are inappropriate for discussion in this process.

Nothing in this order shall require the state or any of its agencies to violate or ignore any laws, rules, directives or other legal requirements or obligations imposed by state or federal law including but not limited to state Public Records laws, Public Meetings laws and provisions of the state Administrative Procedures Act.

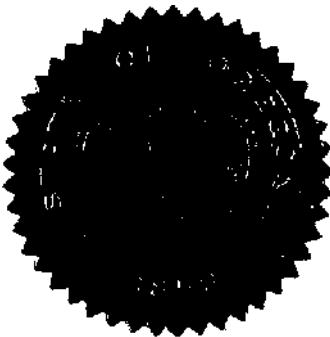
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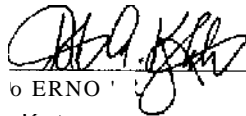


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This document has been adopted for the sole purpose of enhancing communication and mutual cooperation between the State of Oregon and the tribal governments and is not intended to, and does not, create any right to administrative or judicial review, or any other right or benefit or responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable by a party against the State of Oregon, its agencies or instrumentality's, its officers or employees, its subdivisions or any other persons.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1996.



  
GOVERNOR

Attest:  
  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES****182.162****RELATIONSHIP OF STATE AGENCIES WITH INDIAN TRIBES****182.162 Definitions for ORS 182.162 to 182.168.** As used in ORS 182.162 to 182.168

(1) "State agency" has the meaning given that term in Oregon ORS 358.635.

(2) "Tribe" means a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon [2001 c. 177 §]

**Note:** 182.162 to 182.168 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 182 or any series therein by legislative action. See preface Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

**182.64 State agencies to develop and implement policy on relationship with tribes; cooperation with tribes.** (1) A state agency shall develop and implement a policy that:

(a) Identifies individuals in the state agency who are responsible for developing and implementing programs of the state agency that affect tribes.

(b) Establishes a process to identify the programs of the state agency that affect tribes.

(c) Promotes communication between the state agency and tribes.

(d) Promotes positive government-to-government relations between the state and tribes.

(e) Establishes a method for notifying employees of the state agency of the provisions of ORS 182.162 to 182.168 and the policy the state agency adopts under this section.

(2) In the process of identifying and developing the programs of the state agency that affect tribes, a state agency shall include representatives designated by the tribes.

(3) A state agency shall make a reasonable effort to cooperate with tribes in the development and implementation of programs of the state agency that affect tribes, including the use of agreements authorized by ORS 190.110 [2001c.177 §2]

**Note:** See note under 182.162

**182.166 Training of state agency managers and employees who communicate with tribes; annual meetings of representative of agencies and tribes; annual reports by state agencies.** (1) at least once a year, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commission on Indian Services, shall provide training to state agency managers and employees who have regular communication with tribes on the legal status of tribes, the legal rights of members of tribes and issues of concern to tribes.

(2) Once a year, the Governor shall convene a meeting at which representatives of state agencies and tribes may work together to achieve mutual goals.

(3) No later than December 15 of every year, a state agency shall submit a report to the Governor and the Commission on Indian Services on the activities of the state agency under ORS 182.162 to 182.168. The report shall include:

(a) The policy the state agency adopted under ORS 182.164.

(b) The names of the individuals in the state agency who are responsible for developing and implementing programs of the state agency that affect tribes.

(c) The process the state agency established to identify the programs of the state agency that affect tribes.

(d) The effort of the state agency to promote communication between the state agency and the tribes and government-to-government relations between the state and tribes.

(e) A description of the training required subsection (1) of this section.

(f) The method the state agency established for notifying employees of the state agency of the provisions of ORS 182.162 to 182.168 and the policy the state agency adopts under ORS 182.164. [2001 c. 177 §3]

**Note:** See note under 182.162.

**182.168 No right of action created by ORS 182.162 to 182.168.** Nothing in ORS 182.162 to 182.168 creates a right of action against a state agency or a right of review of an action of a state agency. [2001c. 177 §4]

**Note:** See note under 182.162

**182.170** [1959 c.501 §7; repealed by 1959 c.501 §10]

**182.180** [1959 c.501 §8; repealed by 1959 c.501 §10]

**182.190** [1959 c.501 §9; repealed by 1959 c.501 §10]

**182.200** [1959 c.501 §10. Repealed by 1959 c.601 §10]

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Policy 2-95 Tribal Relations Policy

*Effective Date: November 1, 2002*

*Applicability: All full and part time employees, temporary employees and volunteers*

*References:*

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(1) Purpose

This tribal relations policy is adopted pursuant to ORS 182.162 — 182.168, which requires state agencies to develop and implement tribal relations policies.

(2) General Policies and Principles

It is DOJ's policy to promote the principle stated in Executive Order No.96-30 that "[a]s sovereigns the tribes and the State of Oregon must work together to develop mutual respect for the sovereign interests of both parties." DOJ interacts with tribes in differing roles: in its role as legal advisor to and representative of other state agencies; and in its role as independent administrator of certain DOJ programs. In all of its roles, it is DOJ's policy to promote positive government to government relations with the federally recognized tribes in Oregon ("tribes") by

- (a) Facilitating communication and understanding and appropriate dispute resolution among DOJ, other state agencies and those tribes;
- (b) Striving to prevent unnecessary conflict with tribes;
- (c) Interacting with tribes in a spirit of mutual respect;
- (d) Involving tribal representatives in the development and implementation of programs that affect them; and
- (e) Seeking to understand the varying tribal perspectives.

(<sup>3</sup>) Native American Affairs Coordinator

- (a) The state is best served through a coordinated approach to tribal issues. The Attorney General has designated a Native American Affairs Coordinator, who serves as the Department's key contact with tribal representatives.
- (b) Individuals in the Department who are working on a significant matter involving or affecting a tribe shall notify the Native American Affairs Coordinator.
- (c) The Native American Affairs Coordinator will develop with each Division Administrator an appropriate means for that Division to keep the Native American Affairs Coordinator regularly informed of the status of significant matters involving or affecting tribes.

(4) Dissemination of Tribal Relations Policy

- (a) Upon adoption, this policy shall be disseminated to members of the Department, and shall be incorporated into the DOJ Policy Manual. In addition, this policy and information regarding ORS 182.162 — 168 shall be included in new employee orientation, and on the Department's intranet.
- (b) The Native American Affairs Coordinator will distribute an annual reminder regarding the policy.

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(5) Training

- (a) The DOJ CLE Committee and Diversity Committees shall strive to incorporate topics regarding Indian law and culture in their agency training and CLE programs.
- (b) The Native American Affairs Coordinator will assist Divisions and sections in arranging training on specific topics relevant to the work of that particular division or section.
- (c) Appropriate DOJ representatives will attend annual training provided by the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to ORS 182.166(1).
- (d) DOJ attorneys who come into significant contact with tribes are encouraged to consider taking advantage of outside CLE opportunities on Indian law and culture.

(6) Guidelines for Advising and Representing other State Agencies

The Department of Justice is uniquely situated to aid implementation of ORS 182.162 182.168 through its contact with and advice to various state agencies. DOJ attorneys should promote other agencies' compliance with ORS 182.162 to 182.168 by means including:

- (a) Considering the represented agency's obligations under the statute in the course of advice and representation and
- (b) Striving to ensure involvement of the agency's tribal key contact in significant matters affecting or involving tribes.

(<sup>7</sup>) Identification of DOJ Programs Affecting Tribes

The Native American Affairs Coordinator will compile a list of DOJ programs that affect tribes, as well as the DOJ individuals responsible for implementing them, through the following process:

- (a) Division Administrators will provide to the Native American Affairs Coordinator a list of Division programs, noting those they believe affect tribes. The entire list will be shared with tribal representatives identified through Government to Government cluster groups, tribal attorneys known to the Department, the Indian Law Section of the Bar, the Native American Program of Oregon Legal Services, and tribal chairs.
- (b) Annually, the Native American Affairs Coordinator will update the list of DOJ programs that affect tribes, in consultation with Executive staff and tribal representatives.

(8) Guidelines for Independent DOJ Programs

- (a) Managers of programs identified as potentially affecting tribes shall adopt guidelines for cooperating with tribes in the development and implementation of those programs in consultation with the Native American Affairs Coordinator,
- (b) DOJ will invite tribal participation on Task Forces of interest to tribes.