



## Senator Ted Ferrioli

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### **Senator Ferrioli appointed to Indian Services Commission**

**Salem** – Senator Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) has received a two-year appointment to the Legislative Commission on Indian Services. The Commission is dedicated to creating better relations between sovereign governments and to providing a connection between Tribal leaders and the legislative branch of government. Senator Ferrioli has co-sponsored a number of bills during his legislative career dealing with Indian issues including SB 770 (2001) which made Oregon the first state in the nation, by law, to direct agencies to work with Tribes on a government-to-government basis.

“I look forward to learning about challenges facing American Indians today and helping to convey the solutions outlined by Tribal leaders to members of the legislature,” said Ferrioli. “It is an honor to serve on this commission. Oregon’s original citizens have many solutions to offer and I am pleased to have this opportunity to learn and to serve.”

The Legislative Commission on Indian Services embodies the State of Oregon's commitment to recognize the existence of Oregon's tribal governments and the needs of Oregon Indians. Prior to its establishment in 1975, there was no suitable mechanism in state government to consider Indian needs and concerns directly.

The Commission serves as the primary forum in which Indian needs are considered, a conduit by which concerns are channeled through the appropriate network, the point of access for finding out about state government programs and policies, and as a catalyst for bringing about change where it is needed.

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