



**Commission
for
Women**

State of Oregon

CHRONICLE

The Commission for Women was created by executive order in 1964 and first received an operating budget in 1977.

In 1983, the Legislative Assembly enacted a law making the Women's Commission a statutory agency. The Commission now maintains a full time office and Executive Director.

The Commission for Women is comprised of 11 members, nine appointed by the Governor and two appointed by the Legislative Assembly. Members appointed by the Governor serve three year terms; legislative appointees serve two year terms.

The Commission meets once a month in various areas around the state and more frequently in task force groups.

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PURPOSE

To work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality.

To maintain a continuing assessment of the issues and needs confronting women in Oregon.

NEED

The Commission for Women is needed because women share a common bond and concern — that they do not currently enjoy equal economic, political, and in some cases, legal status with men.

The existence of a Commission for Women is a recognition by the people of the state that there are unique, critical and unresolved issues facing women today and that at least one agency of the state should focus on and address those issues.

OBJECTIVES

- Analyze the legal status of women
- Work for equal opportunity and treatment
- Continue to provide equality in educational opportunities
- Encourage women to pursue a wider variety of roles in life
- Encourage and support women seeking elective office
- Identify and address issues particularly germane to women

METHOD

- Interact with private business and public service providers to evaluate topical women's issues and make recommendations for change
- Seek public input on specific problems through hearings, workshops and seminars conducted around the state
- Continue to educate the public about women's issues
- Provide current information to legislators, Oregon's Congressional Delegation, and the public
- Advise policy makers of the potential impact of their recommendations on women and their families
- Work for the equality of women through education, legislation and communication

PROJECTS

- Women's History Week
- Child Care
- Speaker's Forums
- Sex Equity Education
- Publicize women's issues
- Disseminate resource information

COMMISSIONERS

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