

SENATE BILL 815 – ISSUE TIMELINE

ICWA REGULATIONS

New federal ICWA regulations clarified that most states, including Oregon, were misinterpreting ICWA's requirements. In Oregon, all cases were still beginning as EPs without following the proper legal distinctions.

PARTY STATUS ISSUE IDENTIFIED

A critical oversight in ORICWA prevents
ODHS from automatically participating in CCP petitions, delaying case planning, and increasing the risk of unnecessary child removals.

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ICWA ENACTMENT

The Indian Child Welfare
Act protects Native
American children by
prioritizing placement
with Native families and
tribes in foster care and
adoption.

2016

ORICWA IMPLEMENTATION

Oregon passed the Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act (ORICWA) to align with federal ICWA, though some legal adjustments were missed due to the fast legislative process.

2023

SENATE BILL 815 (SB 815)

SB 815 restores ODHS
as a party in juvenile
dependency cases,
improving participation,
communication, service
planning, and
compliance with ICWA,
while reducing the risk of
unnecessary child
removals.