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Claudia Black Appointed Corrections Public Affairs Director

Oregon Department of Corrections Director David S. Cook has appointed Claudia M. Black to the position of Director of Public Affairs, effective February 22, 1999. She will earn \$5,394 per month.

"Unparalleled experience, enthusiasm and energy describe Claudia Black," said Director Cook. "Her impeccable credentials as well as the depth of her knowledge about state government, the legislative process and the criminal justice profession make her a great addition to the department."

As director of the Office of Public Affairs, Ms. Black will develop the strategy and implementation plan for the department's internal and external communications and community relations activities.

Ms. Black is currently the Oregon Health Division's Intergovernmental Relations Liaison. She was also a legislative assistant in the Oregon House of Representatives and Senate. Her prior experience includes jobs as a correctional officer in Benton County and a police officer in Palo Alto, CA.

Ms. Black holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from Portland State University and a Bachelors degree in the Administration of Justice with an emphasis in Corrections from San Jose State University. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honors society, and received the Public Administration Award of Excellence for Academic and Professional Achievement at PSU. She was also a Presidential Management Intern Program finalist.

As an active member of the community, Ms. Black chairs the Public Administration Advisory Committee at PSU. She is also a member of the SAFE KIDS coalition of Oregon. Among her other accomplishments, she is most proud to have championed passage of the law to require children to wear bike helmets.