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# Framed 'Rez Bill'



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Mary Gautreaux, deputy state director for Democratic U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, visited Tribal Council on Monday, June 12, to deliver a framed copy of the Grand Ronde Reservation Act amendment signed into law by President Barack Obama in December 2016. The amendment streamlines how the Tribe can take former Reservation land into trust and ends a costly and time-consuming two-step process. Gautreaux presented the framed copy to Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno. Other Tribal Council members in attendance were Vice Chair Cheryle A. Kennedy and Denise Harvey, Kathleen George and Jack Giffen Jr. The framed copy was signed by Wyden, fellow U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley and U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader. "That represents seven years of work," Giffen said. In return, Leno and Kennedy presented Gautreaux with a framed map that outlines the Tribe's ceded homelands and lists the Tribe's seven treaties with the federal government. Gautreaux said she would take the map back to Wyden's office in Washington, D.C., and hang it prominently on the wall. "We hope so," Leno said. During her visit, Tribal Council also briefed Gautreaux on the lack of federal funding for Terminated Tribes when it comes to law enforcement and George asked if Wyden's office would be interested in hosting a Hatfield Fellow in 2018.

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