

## Buford joins state human rights commission

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The Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and the full Missouri Senate recently approved the nomination of James H. Buford of St. Louis to the Missouri Commission on Human Rights.

Buford has been the president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis since 1985. He is joining the seven-member commission, which develops, recommends and implements ways to prevent and eliminate discrimination in employment, public accommodations and housing.



Submitted photo/ Jim Buford, left, sits next to state Sen. Jeff Smith, as Buford wins approval as the newest member of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights.

"He is a longtime advocate for social and economic parity and has demonstrated remarkable skill as a force for racial unity in the St. Louis metropolitan region," state Sen. Jeff Smith, D-St. Louis, said Buford currently chairs the St. Louis Connectcare Board and serves on the executive board of the St. Louis Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the board of Downtown St. Louis Partnership, Fair St. Louis, and the St. Louis Science Center. Buford has previously held various other positions on local and state boards and commissions.