



Federal Emergency Management Agency

John E. Pennington: Regional Director, Region X

John E. Pennington was appointed Regional Director of FEMA's Region X by President Bush in December 2001. As Regional Director, he coordinates mitigation, preparedness and disaster response and recovery activities in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Region X is headquartered in Bothel, Washington.

Before joining FEMA, Pennington had served as a Washington State Representative since 1994, and had been the Republican Speaker Pro Tempore since 1996. In his four terms of office, Pennington had been active on a number of House committees including Finance, Natural Resources, Rules and Health Care. He also chaired the National Conference of State Legislatures Advisory Council on Energy and represents the Pacific Northwest states on an Environment Protection Agency's national air quality panel.

Before his election to the State House, Pennington was the owner of Timber Town Coffee Company, and a sales and marketing representative at coffee companies in Oregon and Tennessee.

A native of Nashville, TN, Pennington holds a bachelor of science degree in business from California Coast University.

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