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### Measure Description:

Increases amount of fees charged and collected by county clerks to record or file certain real property documents.

# Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department, Counties, Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Veterans' Affairs

### Summary of Expenditure Impact:

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	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund		
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds	5,830,000	9,050,000
Federal Funds		
Total Funds	\$5,830,000	\$9,050,000
Positions	2	2
FTE	1.01	1.50
Summary of Reve	enue Impact	
See Revenue Impact Sta	-	

### Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

# Analysis:

HB 2417 raises county filing fees from \$15 to \$20, which are deposited in the County Assessment and Taxation Fund (CATF). HB 2417 would require three accounts within CATF (Emergency Housing Account, the Home Ownership Assistance Account, and the General Housing Account) to expend a minimum of 25 percent of moneys from the CATF for assistance to veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) would need one (1.0 FTE), .63 FTE in the 2013-15 biennium, to serve as the fiscal analyst and program(s) accountant to track fund expenditures and ratio of veteran to non-veteran disbursements. Additionally OHCS would need a half time (.5 FTE), .38 FTE in the 2013-15 biennium, to develop the Home Ownership Program and work in collaboration with the

Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. Expenditures for these 1.5 FTE are estimated to be \$161,361 OF in 2013-15 biennium and \$161,361 OF in 2015-17 biennium.

Additional Special Payments for the Emergency Housing Program, the Home Ownership Assistance Program, and the General Housing Program are estimated to be \$5.67 million in the 2013-15 biennium and \$8.89 million in the 2015-17 biennium.

For the purposes of this analysis and calculating the fiscal impact, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) assumes that the Department of Housing and Community Services and its partners meet the required threshold of expending 25 percent of revenue in the CATF for veterans, and that there is no impediment to allocating the remaining 75 percent, as statutorily directed. The Governor's Budget includes one year of estimated expenditures for the Housing and Community Services Department, with remaining program expenditure limitation and funding subject to receipt of a report on recommendations from the Department regarding more effective service delivery.

Counties, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Human Services all report minimal fiscal impact; additional workload incurred with the passage of this bill is absorbable with existing resources. This is a revised fiscal. Previous fiscal calculations were based on effective date of October 1, 2013; since this bill has no emergency clause, calculations are based on an effective date of January 1, 2014.