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# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 558

On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after "ORS" delete the rest of the line and lines 3 and 4 and insert "86.705, 86.735, 86.740, 86.750, 86.755, 88.010, 646.607 and 646.638 and sections 2, 4 and 4a, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2012; repealing sections 2a and 3, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2012; and declaring an emergency.".

6 Delete lines 6 through 22 and delete pages 2 through 5 and insert:

"<u>SECTION 1.</u> Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this 2013 Act are added to
and made a part of ORS 86.705 to 86.795.

9 "SECTION 2. (1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this 10 subsection, a beneficiary that intends to foreclose a residential trust 11 deed shall first notify the grantor that the grantor may request a re-12 solution conference with the beneficiary before the beneficiary or the 13 trustee files a notice of default under ORS 86.735 or before the benefi-14 ciary brings suit under ORS 88.010.

"(b)(A) The requirement to participate in a resolution conference 15with a grantor in accordance with subsection (2) or (3) of this section 16 does not apply to a beneficiary if the beneficiary submits to the At-17 torney General a sworn affidavit that states that during the preceding 18 calendar year the beneficiary did not complete or cause an affiliate, 19 subsidiary or agent of the beneficiary to complete more than 175 20actions to foreclose a residential trust deed by advertisement and sale 21under ORS 86.735 or by suit under ORS 88.010. A beneficiary that is a 22

trustee shall include as part of the total number of foreclosure actions that the beneficiary completed in the previous calendar year all foreclosure actions that the beneficiary completed under ORS 86.735 or 88.010 in the beneficiary's capacity as a trustee. A beneficiary that intends in any calendar year to claim an exemption under this paragraph shall submit the affidavit either:

"(i) Not later than January 31 in any calendar year in which the
beneficiary intends to claim the exemption for the remainder of the
calendar year; or

"(ii) At the time the beneficiary files a notice of default under ORS
86.735 or brings suit under ORS 88.010.

"(B) An exemption under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph ex pires at the end of the calendar year in which the beneficiary claims
 the exemption.

"(c) A beneficiary that claims an exemption under this subsection
 is not exempt from the requirements set forth in section 4a, chapter
 112, Oregon Laws 2012.

(2)(a) The beneficiary shall notify the grantor that the grantor 18 may request a resolution conference if the grantor makes the request 19 within 30 days after receiving the beneficiary's notice. The beneficiary 20shall notify the service provider electronically, by facsimile or by mail 21that the beneficiary has sent a notice to the grantor under this sub-22section. The beneficiary's notice to the grantor under this subsection 23must identify the residential trust deed that the beneficiary intends 24to foreclose, specify that the grantor must pay a fee that will not ex-25ceed \$200 for the grantor's share of the expenses of the resolution 26conference, list the documents the beneficiary requires to determine 27if the grantor is eligible for a foreclosure avoidance measure, state 28that if the grantor requests a resolution conference the service pro-29 vider will schedule a resolution conference not later than 85 days after 30

the date of the notice and list the name, title, address, telephone
 number and other available contact information for:

3 "(A) The beneficiary;

"(B) Any person other than the beneficiary that will receive, on the
beneficiary's behalf, notices or other communications related to the
resolution conference; and

7 "(C) The grantor.

8 "(b) Not later than 10 days after the beneficiary notifies the service 9 provider as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the service 10 provider shall send a second notice to the grantor that states that the 11 grantor has a right to request a resolution conference, specifying the 12 deadline for the grantor's request and stating that if the grantor has 13 already requested a resolution conference, the grantor may ignore the 14 second notice.

"(3)(a) A grantor may request a resolution conference under this
 section if:

"(A) The beneficiary or the trustee has not filed a notice of default
under ORS 86.735 or the beneficiary has not commenced a suit under
ORS 88.010;

"(B) The beneficiary is not exempt under subsection (1)(b) of this
 section; and

"(C)(i) The beneficiary has notified the grantor under subsection
(2)(a) of this section that the grantor may request a resolution conference; or

"(ii) If the beneficiary does not notify the grantor under subsection (2)(a) of this section that the grantor may request a resolution conference, the grantor first obtains from a housing counselor a certification in writing that the grantor is more than 30 days in default on the obligation that the residential trust deed secures or, if the grantor is not in default, that the grantor has a financial hardship that the housing counselor reasonably believes may qualify the grantor for a
foreclosure avoidance measure.

"(b) A grantor shall request a resolution conference through the service provider. The grantor shall submit the request to the service provider electronically, by facsimile or by mail and shall, if applicable, enclose with the request the written certification the housing counselor provides under paragraph (a)(C)(ii) of this subsection. The Attorney General by rule shall specify the information that the request must include.

"(c) A beneficiary that receives a notice from a service provider after the service provider receives a request from a grantor under paragraph (b) of this subsection is subject to the requirements set forth in this section and sections 3, 4 and 5 of this 2013 Act and section 4a, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2012.

"(4) A beneficiary that submitted an affidavit in accordance with
 subsection (1)(b) of this section may, without waiving the exemption
 the beneficiary claimed in the affidavit, request a resolution confer ence with a grantor.

19 "SECTION 3. (1)(a) Within 10 days after a service provider receives 20 a request for a resolution conference under section 2 of this 2013 Act, 21 the service provider shall schedule the resolution conference and mail 22 a notice to the beneficiary and to the grantor. The service provider 23 shall schedule the resolution conference to occur within 55 days after 24 the date on which the service provider sends the notice.

25 **"(b) A notice under this subsection must:** 

26 "(A) Specify the date, time and location of the resolution confer-27 ence;

"(B) State that the beneficiary and the grantor each must pay the
 facilitator's fees for the resolution conference;

30 "(C) List and describe the documents that the beneficiary and the

1 grantor must submit to the service provider;

"(D) State that the grantor must consult a housing counselor before attending the resolution conference unless the grantor notifies the service provider that the grantor could not obtain an appointment with a housing counselor before the date of the resolution conference; and

"(E) State that the grantor may have an attorney or housing
counselor present to accompany and to represent the grantor at the
resolution conference.

"(2) Within 25 days after the date on which the service provider
 sends a notice under subsection (1) of this section:

"(a) The grantor shall pay a fee to the service provider in an amount and in a manner the Attorney General specifies by rule. The grantor's fee may not exceed \$200. The service provider shall pay to the Attorney General, for deposit into the Foreclosure Avoidance Fund established under section 4, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2012, moneys the service provider receives from the grantor under this paragraph.

18 "(b) The grantor shall submit to the service provider:

"(A) Information about the grantor's income, expenses, debts and
 other obligations;

**"(B) A description of the grantor's financial hardship, if any;** 

22 "(C) Documents that verify the grantor's income; and

"(D) Any other information the beneficiary has indicated that the
 beneficiary needs to evaluate the grantor's eligibility for a foreclosure
 avoidance measure.

"(3) The grantor shall consult a housing counselor before attending the resolution conference unless the grantor cannot obtain an appointment with a housing counselor before the date of the resolution conference.

30 "(4) Within 10 days after the service provider makes the informa-

tion the grantor submitted under subsection (2) of this section available to the beneficiary, the beneficiary shall:

"(a) Pay a fee to the service provider for the facilitator's services in an amount and in a manner the Attorney General specifies by rule. The beneficiary's fee may not exceed \$600. The service provider shall pay to the Attorney General, for deposit into the Foreclosure Avoidance Fund established under section 4, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2012, moneys the service provider receives from the beneficiary under this paragraph.

10 "(b) Submit to the service provider:

"(A) A certified true copy of the residential trust deed and
 promissory note or loan agreement that is evidence of the obligation
 that the residential trust deed secures;

"(B) The name and address of the person that owns the obligation
 that is secured by the residential trust deed;

"(C) A record of the grantor's payment history for the longer of the
 preceding 12 months or since the beneficiary last deemed the grantor
 current on the obligation;

19 "(D) An itemized statement that shows:

20 "(i) The amount the grantor owes on the obligation;

"(ii) The amount of fees and charges the beneficiary has assessed
 and that remain unpaid; and

"(iii) The amount the grantor must pay to cure the grantor's default;

"(E) The appraisal or price opinion the beneficiary relied on most recently to determine the value of the property that is the subject of the residential trust deed, unless the beneficiary has provided the appraisal or price opinion to the grantor previously;

29 "(F) The portion of any pooling agreement, servicing agreement or 30 other agreement that the beneficiary cites as a limitation or prohibi1 tion on modifying the terms of the obligation; and

"(G) A description of any additional documents the beneficiary requires to evaluate the grantor's eligibility for a foreclosure avoidance
measure.

5 "(5)(a) The service provider may postpone or reschedule for not 6 more than 30 days later a resolution conference that the service pro-7 vider scheduled under subsection (1) of this section if:

8 "(A) The beneficiary and the grantor agree to a new date;

9 "(B) The beneficiary or the grantor requests a new date in writing
 10 and can show good cause for the request; or

"(C) The beneficiary does not pay the fee required under subsection (4)(a) of this section by the date the fee is due. The service provider may wait until the beneficiary has paid the fee before rescheduling the resolution conference.

15 "(b) The service provider shall cancel a resolution conference that 16 the service provider scheduled under subsection (1) of this section if 17 the grantor does not pay the fee or provide the documents or infor-18 mation required under subsection (2) of this section by the dates the 19 fee or documents and information are due.

"(6)(a) A resolution conference conducted in accordance with this section and sections 2, 4 and 5 of this 2013 Act is not subject to ORS chapter 36 and does not preclude mediation that a court or another provision of law requires.

"(b) A facilitator is not subject to a subpoena and cannot be compelled to testify in any proceeding that is related to a resolution conference, other than a proceeding against a facilitator for an act or omission for which the facilitator may be liable under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

"(c) A facilitator is not civilly liable for any act or omission done
 or made while engaged in efforts to assist or facilitate a resolution

conference unless the facilitator acted or made an omission in bad faith, with malicious intent or in an manner that exhibited a willful or wanton disregard of the rights, safety or property of another person.

"(d) The limitations on liability provided by this subsection apply
to the officers, directors, employees and agents of the service provider
and any dispute resolution program engaged in facilitating resolution
conferences.

9 "(e) Information that a beneficiary or grantor submits under this
 10 section is not subject to ORS 192.410 to 192.505.

"SECTION 4. (1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this 11 subsection, a beneficiary that must notify a grantor of the grantor's 12 right to request a resolution conference under section 2 of this 2013 13 Act shall attend and participate in the resolution conference in person. 14 "(b) A beneficiary may send an agent to the resolution conference 15 if the agent attends the resolution conference in person and has com-16 plete authority to negotiate on the beneficiary's behalf and commit the 17 beneficiary to a foreclosure avoidance measure or, if the agent who 18 attends the resolution conference in person does not have complete 19 authority, the beneficiary also requires a person who does have com-20plete authority to participate in the resolution conference by remote 21communication. 22

"(c) A grantor may have an attorney or a housing counselor, or
both, present to represent the grantor at the resolution conference,
but the grantor, or any individual that a court appoints to act on the
grantor's behalf, must attend the resolution conference in person.

"(2) If the beneficiary agrees to a foreclosure avoidance measure with the grantor, the beneficiary and the grantor shall sign a written document that sets forth the terms of the foreclosure avoidance measure. "(3) A facilitator may suspend or postpone a resolution conference
 after the resolution conference has begun:

"(a) One time only on the facilitator's initiative or in response to
a request for a suspension or postponement from the beneficiary or
the grantor;

"(b) After a suspension or postponement under paragraph (a) of this
subsection only if the beneficiary and the grantor agree to the additional suspension or postponement; or

9 "(c) If the beneficiary or the grantor needs additional time to write
10 or sign a document that sets forth the terms of a foreclosure avoid11 ance measure.

"(4) Within five days after the resolution conference concludes, the
 facilitator shall submit to the service provider a written report that:

"(a) Lists the date or dates on which the resolution conference oc curred; and

16 "(b) Lists the name, title, address, telephone number and other 17 available contact information for each person that participated in the 18 resolution conference, noting whether the person attended the resol-19 ution conference in person or participated by remote communication.

"<u>SECTION 5.</u> (1)(a) The service provider shall issue, within five days
after receiving a report from a facilitator under section 4 (4) of this
2013 Act, a certificate of compliance to a beneficiary that complied
with sections 2, 3 and 4 of this 2013 Act.

"(b) The service provider shall notify a beneficiary that failed to meet a requirement to which the beneficiary was subject under paragraph (a) of this subsection that the service provider will not issue a certificate of compliance, explaining in the notice why the service provider will not issue the certificate of compliance. The service provider shall provide a copy of the notice under this paragraph to the grantor and to the Attorney General.

"(2) Notwithstanding the requirements set forth in subsection (1) 1 of this section, if a service provider cancels a resolution conference  $\mathbf{2}$ under section 3 (5)(b) of this 2013 Act or if the grantor does not appear 3 in person at the resolution conference, the service provider shall issue 4 a certificate of compliance to the beneficiary within five days after  $\mathbf{5}$ canceling the resolution conference or five days after the date on 6 which the grantor failed to appear in person at the resolution confer-7 ence. 8

9 "<u>SECTION 6.</u> (1) The Attorney General shall:

"(a) Appoint and enter into an agreement with a service provider
 to coordinate and manage a program to implement the provisions of
 sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this 2013 Act.

"(b) Enter into an agreement for information technology goods or
 services.

"(c) Receive affidavits submitted under section 2 (1)(b) of this 2013
Act.

"(d) Specify the amount a beneficiary must pay to the service provider and the amount that the grantor must pay to the service provider.

"(e) Prescribe qualifications, training and experience requirements
 for facilitators that conduct or assist resolution conferences.

"(f) Specify procedures and guidelines for conducting a resolution
 conference.

"(g) Adopt additional rules to implement sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of
this 2013 Act and sections 4 and 4a, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2012.

"(2) The Attorney General shall pay for the service provider's services and for information technology goods and services from the
Foreclosure Avoidance Fund established under section 4, chapter 112,
Oregon Laws 2012. The Attorney General is not subject to ORS chapter
279A, 279B or 279C in appointing a service provider or entering into an

1 agreement under subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section.

"(3) In addition to and not in lieu of any other penalty provided by
law, a beneficiary's violation of section 2 (1)(a) or (2), 3 (4) or 4 (1) or
(2) of this 2013 Act is an unlawful practice under ORS 646.607 that is
subject to enforcement under ORS 646.632.".

6 On page 6, delete lines 1 through 21.

7 In line 40, delete "by rule".

8 On page 9, line 32, restore the bracketed material.

9 In line 33, delete "a service provider to coordinate a".

In line 36, restore "the expenses of coordinating" and delete "a service provider to".

12 In line 37, delete "coordinate".

13 On page 10, delete lines 17 through 45 and insert:

"SECTION 9. Section 4a, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended to
 read:

"Sec. 4a. [(1)(a)] (1) Whether or not a beneficiary participates in a 16 resolution conference under section 2 of this 2013 Act, if [a] the bene-17 ficiary does not offer the grantor of a residential trust deed a foreclo-18 sure avoidance measure, if the grantor and the beneficiary do not 19 enter into a written agreement for a foreclosure avoidance measure 20or if the beneficiary determines that [a] the grantor is not eligible for any 21foreclosure avoidance measure or that the grantor has not complied with the 22terms of a foreclosure avoidance measure to which the grantor has agreed, 23the beneficiary or the beneficiary's agent[, at least 30 days before the date 24specified for the trustee's sale in a notice served under ORS 86.740 or 86.755 25(2)(b), shall notify the grantor in writing of the beneficiary's determination and 26shall cause the notice to be served as provided in ORS 86.740 (1).] shall notify 27the grantor, within 10 days after the beneficiary determines that a 28condition described in this subsection exists, by mailing a written no-29 tice that explains in plain language the basis for the beneficiary's de-30

#### 1 termination.

2 "[(b) The notice must in plain language explain the basis for the 3 beneficiary's determination.]

"[(2) The beneficiary or the beneficiary's agent shall mail a copy of the
notice of the determination described in subsection (1) of this section to the
Department of Justice on the same date on which the notice is served.]

"[(3)(a)] (2) At least [20] five days before [the date specified for the
trustee's sale in a notice served under ORS 86.740 or 86.755 (2)(b),] the trustee sells the property that is subject to foreclosure, the beneficiary [or
the beneficiary's agent shall:]

"[(A)] **shall** record in the mortgage records [for the property that is subject to the trustee's sale,] in the county or in one of the counties in which the property is located[,] an affidavit that states that the beneficiary has complied with the requirements set forth in **subsection** (1) of this section. [subsections (1) and (2) of this section; and]

16 "[(B) Mail a copy of the affidavit to the department.]

17 "[(b) The affidavit described in paragraph (a) of this subsection must:]

18 "[(A) Identify the property that is the subject of the trustee's sale;]

19 "[(B) Identify the grantor and, as of the date of the affidavit, the trustee 20 and the beneficiary;]

<sup>21</sup> "[(C) State that the beneficiary or beneficiary's agent has complied with the <sup>22</sup> requirements set forth in subsections (1) and (2) of this section; and]

23 "[(D) Include proof of service on the grantor for the notice described in 24 subsection (1) of this section.]

<sup>25</sup> "[(4) The Attorney General by rule shall specify a form for and the contents <sup>26</sup> of the notice of the determination described in subsection (1) of this section and <sup>27</sup> shall identify an address to which the beneficiary or beneficiary's agent must <sup>28</sup> mail the copy of the notice under subsection (2) of this section and the affidavit <sup>29</sup> under subsection (3) of this section.]

30 "[(5)(a)] (3)(a) A beneficiary [or an agent of the beneficiary] that fails to

substantially comply with the provisions of this section is liable to the grantor in the amount of \$500 plus the amount of the grantor's actual damages, if any, for [each] the beneficiary's failure to comply with [a provision] the provisions of this section.

"(b) A grantor may bring an action against a beneficiary [or an agent of  $\mathbf{5}$ the beneficiary] in a circuit court of this state to recover the [amounts] 6 amount described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. The grantor shall 7 commence the action within [two years] one year after the date on which 8 the beneficiary [or the beneficiary's agent] should have complied, but did not 9 comply, with the provisions of this section. The remedy provided for the 10 grantor in this section is the grantor's exclusive remedy for a violation 11 of this section. 12

"(c) Notwithstanding an agreement to the contrary, a court may award
reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursements to [a grantor that obtains
a final judgment in the grantor's favor] the prevailing party in an action
the grantor brings under paragraph (b) of this subsection.".

17 On page 11, delete lines 1 through 16.

18 Delete lines 36 through 39 and insert:

"(a) A valid certificate of compliance that a service provider issued to the
 beneficiary under section 5 of this 2013 Act; or

"(b) A copy of the affidavit with which the beneficiary claimed, under section 2 (1)(b) of this 2013 Act, an exemption that has not expired, unless the beneficiary or the beneficiary's agent has previously filed the affidavit with the Attorney General;".

25 On page 13, delete lines 25 through 28 and insert:

"(A) A valid certificate of compliance that a service provider issued to a
 beneficiary under section 5 of this 2013 Act;

"(B) The affidavit the beneficiary submitted under section 2 (1)(b) of this
2013 Act, provided that the exemption the beneficiary claimed in the affidavit
has not expired; or".

1 After line 41, insert:

2 "SECTION 13. ORS 86.705, as amended by section 5, chapter 112, Oregon
3 Laws 2012, is amended to read:

4 "86.705. As used in ORS 86.705 to 86.795:

5 "(1) 'Affordable housing covenant' has the meaning given that term in 6 ORS 456.270.

"(2) 'Beneficiary' means [a] the person named or otherwise designated in
a trust deed as [the person for whose benefit a trust deed is given] the beneficiary, or the person's successor in interest, and who is not the trustee
unless the beneficiary is qualified to be a trustee under ORS 86.790 (1)(d).

"(3) 'Eligible covenant holder' has the meaning given that term in ORS456.270.

"(4) 'Grantor' means the person that conveys an interest in real property
by a trust deed as security for the performance of an obligation.

"(5) 'Residential trust deed' means a trust deed on property upon which are situated four or fewer residential units, one of which the grantor, the grantor's spouse or the grantor's minor or dependent child occupies as a principal residence at the time a **trust deed foreclosure is commenced** [default that results in an action to foreclose the obligation secured by the trust deed first occurs].

"(6) 'Residential unit' means an improvement designed for residential use.
"(7) 'Trust deed' means a deed executed in conformity with ORS 86.705 to
86.795 that conveys an interest in real property to a trustee in trust to secure
the performance of an obligation the grantor or other person named in the
deed owes to a beneficiary.

"(8) 'Trustee' means a person, other than the beneficiary, to whom a trust deed conveys an interest in real property, or the person's successor in interest, or an employee of the beneficiary, if the employee is qualified to be a trustee under ORS 86.790.

### 30 "SECTION 14. ORS 86.750 is amended to read:

"86.750. (1)(a) [Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection,] At 1 least 120 days before the day the trustee conducts the sale, the notice  $\mathbf{2}$ prescribed in ORS 86.745 must be served upon an occupant of the property 3 described in the trust deed in the manner in which a summons is served 4 [pursuant to] under ORCP 7 D(2) and 7 D(3) [at least 120 days before the day  $\mathbf{5}$ the trustee conducts the sale] or mailed by both first class and certified 6 mail with return receipt requested to the last-known address of the 7 occupant. 8

9 "[(b)(A) If service cannot be effected on an occupant as provided in para-10 graph (a) of this subsection on the first attempt, the person that attempts to 11 effect service shall post a copy of the notice in a conspicuous place on the 12 property on the date of the first attempt. The person that attempts to effect 13 service shall make a second attempt to effect service on a day that is at least 14 two days after the first attempt.]

<sup>15</sup> "[(B) If service cannot be effected on an occupant as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection on the second attempt, the person that attempts to effect <sup>17</sup> service shall post a copy of the notice in a conspicuous place on the property <sup>18</sup> on the date of the second attempt. The person that attempts to effect service <sup>19</sup> shall make a third attempt to effect service on a day that is at least two days <sup>20</sup> after the second attempt.]

"[(C) If service cannot be effected on an occupant as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection on the third attempt, the person that attempts to effect service shall send a copy of the notice, bearing the word 'occupant' as the addressee, to the property address by first class mail with postage prepaid.]

<sup>25</sup> "[(c)] (b) Service on an occupant is effected on the earlier of the date that <sup>26</sup> notice is served as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection or the <sup>27</sup> [first] date on which notice is [posted as described in paragraph (b)(A) of this <sup>28</sup> subsection] mailed.

29 "(2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a copy of 30 the notice of sale must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the counties in which the property is situated once a week for four
successive weeks. The last publication must be made more than 20 days
prior to the date the trustee conducts the sale.

"(b) The copy of the notice of sale required to be published under paragraph (a) of this subsection does not need to include the notice to tenants
required under ORS 86.745 (9).

"(3) At or before the time the trustee conducts the sale, the trustee shall file for recording in the official record of the county or counties in which the property described in the deed is situated the following affidavits with respect to the notice of sale:

11 "(a) An affidavit of mailing, if any;

12 "(b) An affidavit of service, if any; and

13 "[(c) An affidavit of service attempts and posting, if any; and]

14 "[(d)] (c) An affidavit of publication.

"(4) At or before the time the trustee conducts the sale, the trustee shall file for recording in the official record of the county or counties in which the property described in the deed is situated an affidavit of mailing with respect to the notice to the grantor required under ORS 86.737.

"SECTION 15. ORS 86.755, as amended by section 9, chapter 112, Oregon
 Laws 2012, is amended to read:

"86.755. (1)(a) A trustee shall hold a trustee's sale on the date and at the 21time and place designated in the notice of sale given under ORS 86.740. The 22designated time of the trustee's sale must be after 9 a.m. and before 4 p.m., 23based on the standard of time set forth in ORS 187.110, and the designated 24place of the trustee's sale must be in the county or one of the counties in 25which the property is situated. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this 26subsection, the trustee may sell the property in one parcel or in separate 27parcels and shall sell the parcel or parcels at auction to the highest bidder 28for cash. Any person, including the beneficiary under the trust deed, but 29 excluding the trustee, may bid at the trustee's sale. An attorney for the 30

trustee, or an agent that the trustee or the attorney designates, may conduct
the sale and act in the sale as the trustee's auctioneer.

"(b) If the trustee sells property upon which a single residential unit that
is subject to an affordable housing covenant is situated, the eligible covenant
holder may purchase the property from the trustee at the trustee's sale for
cash or cash equivalent in an amount that is the lesser of:

7 "(A) The sum of the amounts payable under ORS 86.765 (1) and (2); or

8 "(B) The highest bid received for the property other than a bid from the9 eligible covenant holder.

"(c)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, if an eligible covenant holder purchases the property in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection, the sale forecloses and terminates all other interests in the property as provided in ORS 86.770 (1).

"(B) If an interest in the property exists that is prior to the eligible covenant holder's interest, other than the interest set forth in the trust deed that was the subject of the foreclosure proceeding under ORS 86.735, notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 86.770 (1) the sale does not foreclose and terminate the prior interest and the eligible covenant holder's title to the property is subject to the prior interest.

"[(2)(a)] (2) The trustee or the attorney for the trustee, or an agent that the trustee or the attorney conducting the sale designates, may postpone the sale for one or more periods that total not more than 180 days from the original sale date, giving notice of each postponement by public proclamation made at the time and place set for sale. The trustee, the attorney or an agent that the trustee or the attorney designates may make the proclamation.

<sup>26</sup> "[(b) If a person postpones the sale date as provided in paragraph (a) of this <sup>27</sup> subsection, the trustee, in the manner provided for service of the notice of sale <sup>28</sup> under ORS 86.740 (1), shall cause written notice of the new time, date and <sup>29</sup> place for the sale to be served on the grantor and on any person to whom notice <sup>30</sup> of the sale was given under ORS 86.745. The notice must be given at least 15

days before the new sale date. The person may postpone the sale once, for not
more than two calendar days, without giving notice as provided in this paragraph. The person may not postpone the sale for more than two calendar days
or more than once without giving notice as provided in this paragraph.]

"(3) The purchaser shall pay at the time of sale the price bid or the price
determined in accordance with subsection (1)(b) of this section, and, within
10 days following payment, the trustee shall execute and deliver the trustee's
deed to the purchaser.

9 "(4) The trustee's deed shall convey to the purchaser the interest in the 10 property that the grantor had, or had the power to convey, at the time the 11 grantor executed the trust deed, together with any interest the grantor or 12 the grantor's successors in interest acquire after the execution of the trust 13 deed.

"(5)(a) If property purchased at the trustee's sale includes one or more dwelling units that are subject to ORS chapter 90, the purchaser must provide written notice of change in ownership to the occupants of each unit within 30 days after the date of sale and before or concurrently with service of a written termination notice authorized by subsection (6)(c)(B) of this section.

20 "(b) The notice required by this subsection must:

21 "(A) Explain that the dwelling unit has been sold at a foreclosure sale 22 and that the purchaser at that sale is the new owner.

<sup>23</sup> "(B) Include the date on which the foreclosure sale took place.

"(C) Include the name, contact address and contact telephone number of
 the purchaser or the purchaser's representative.

"(D) Provide information about the rights of bona fide residential tenants
as provided in subsections (6)(c) and (e) and (9)(a) of this section.

"(E) Include contact information for the Oregon State Bar and a person
or organization that provides legal help to individuals at no charge to the
individual.

1 "(c) The notice must be served by one or more of the following methods:

2 "(A) Personal delivery to the tenant.

3 "(B) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit.

"(C) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit and attachment
of a second notice copy. The second notice copy must be attached in a secure
manner to the main entrance to the portion of the premises in the possession
of the tenant.

8 "(D) If the names of the tenants are not known to the purchaser, the no-9 tice may be addressed to 'occupants.'

"(d) A notice that contains the information required under paragraph (b)(B) and (C) of this subsection meets the requirements of paragraph (b) of this subsection if the notice is in substantially the following form:

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# NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS OF CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

The property in which you are living has gone through foreclosure and was sold to a new owner on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). The contact information for the new owner or the owner's representative is \_\_\_\_\_ (name, address, telephone number).

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IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS
A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE
LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR:

• THE REMAINDER OF YOUR FIXED TERM LEASE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR

• AT LEAST 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRIT-TEN TERMINATION NOTICE.

If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 90 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more 1 than 90 days left.

2 You must be provided with at least 90 days' written notice after the 3 foreclosure sale before you can be required to move.

A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner), or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement:

• Is the result of an arm's-length transaction;

• Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and

• Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.

12 IMPORTANT:

YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE NEW OWNER OR THE OWNER'S 13 REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THIS NOTICE AS 14 SOON AS POSSIBLE TO LET THE NEW OWNER KNOW IF YOU ARE A 15 BONA FIDE TENANT. YOU SHOULD PROVIDE WRITTEN EVIDENCE 16 OF THE EXISTENCE OF YOUR RENTAL AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY IF 17 YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM RENTAL AGREEMENT OR LEASE WITH 18 MORE THAN 90 DAYS LEFT. Written evidence of your rental agreement 19 can be a copy of your lease or rental agreement, or other documentation of 20the existence of your rental agreement. Keep your original documents and 21a record of any information you give to the new owner. 22

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#### AND THE MOVE-OUT DATE

The new owner may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 90 days or at the end of your fixed term lease. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of

the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your
new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise:

• You do not owe rent;

• The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for main-5 taining the property; and

• You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to 7 you.

8 The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other 9 costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your 10 agreement to leave the premises in less than 90 days or before your fixed 11 term lease expires. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your 12 rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO 13 LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRIT-14 TEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE IN-15 FORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A 16 LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State 17 Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the 18 Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough 19 money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive 20legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal 21assistance is included with this notice. 22

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<sup>24</sup> "(6)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection, the <sup>25</sup> purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on <sup>26</sup> the 10th day after the sale. A person that remains in possession after the <sup>27</sup> 10th day under any interest, except an interest prior to the trust deed, or <sup>28</sup> an interest the grantor or a successor of the grantor created voluntarily, is <sup>29</sup> a tenant at sufferance. The purchaser may obtain possession of the property <sup>30</sup> from a tenant at sufferance by following the procedures set forth in ORS

1 105.105 to 105.168 or other applicable judicial procedure.

"(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, at any time  $\mathbf{2}$ after the trustee's sale the purchaser may follow the procedures set forth in 3 ORS 105.105 to 105.168 or other applicable judicial procedure to obtain pos-4 session of the property from a person that holds possession under an interest  $\mathbf{5}$ that the grantor or a successor of the grantor created voluntarily if, not 6 earlier than 30 days before the date first set for the sale, the person was 7 served with not less than 30 days' written notice of the requirement to sur-8 render or deliver possession of the property. 9

"(c) If the property purchased at the trustee's sale includes a dwelling unit that is subject to ORS chapter 90 and an individual occupies the unit under a bona fide tenancy, the purchaser may obtain possession by following the procedures set forth in ORS 105.105 to 105.168 and by using the complaint form provided in ORS 105.124 or 105.126:

"(A) Upon expiration of the fixed term of the tenancy, if the bona fide
tenancy is a fixed term tenancy as defined in ORS 90.100; or

"(B) At least 90 days after service of a written termination notice if the
bona fide tenancy is:

"(i) A fixed term tenancy and the purchaser intends to occupy, as the purchaser's primary residence, the dwelling unit that is subject to the fixed term tenancy; or

"(ii) A month-to-month tenancy or week-to-week tenancy, as those terms
are defined in ORS 90.100.

"(d) If a purchaser gives a 90-day written termination notice pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection, the purchaser may include in the notice a request that a tenant with a fixed term tenancy provide written evidence of the existence of the tenancy to the purchaser at an address described in the notice. Written evidence includes a copy of the rental agreement or another document that shows the existence of the fixed term tenancy. Failure of the tenant to provide the requested written evidence before the purchaser files 1 an action for possession based on a 90-day notice:

"(A) Does not prevent the tenant from asserting the existence of the fixed
term tenancy as a defense to the action.

"(B) Prevents the tenant from recovering prevailing party attorney fees
or costs and disbursements pursuant to subsection (11)(b) of this section. The
90-day notice must describe the provisions of this paragraph.

"(e) A purchaser may not commence a proceeding under ORS 105.105 to
105.168 that is authorized under this subsection before the later of:

9 "(A) The 10th day after the trustee's sale;

"(B) The date specified in a written notice of the requirement to surrender
or deliver possession of the property if the notice is required by and is given
to the person in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection;

"(C) The date specified in a written notice of the purchaser's intent to terminate a tenancy if the notice is required by and is given to the person in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection; or

"(D) The date on which the term of a fixed term tenancy ends, if the
 property is a dwelling unit and the purchaser has not terminated the tenancy
 in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection.

"(f) A purchaser seeking to obtain possession pursuant to ORS 105.105 to
105.168 must attach proof of service of a written termination notice required
by paragraph (c) of this subsection to the pleadings.

"(g) In an action to obtain possession, violation of the procedures required by subsection (5) of this section or paragraph (c) of this subsection is a defense for a bona fide tenant seeking to retain possession.

25 "(h) As used in this subsection, 'bona fide tenancy' means tenancy of a 26 dwelling unit that is subject to ORS chapter 90 that results from an arm's-27 length transaction that occurred before the date of a foreclosure sale in 28 which:

"(A) The mortgagor or the child, spouse or parent of the mortgagor under
the contract is not the tenant; and

"(B) The rent required is not substantially less than fair market rent for
the dwelling unit, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal,
state or local subsidy.

4 "(7) A purchaser shall serve a notice under subsection (6) of this section
5 by one or more of the following methods:

6 "(a) Personal delivery to the tenant.

7 "(b) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit.

8 "(c) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit and attachment 9 of a second notice copy. The second notice copy must be attached in a secure 10 manner to the main entrance to the portion of the premises in the possession 11 of the tenant.

"(8) If the notice under subsection (6) of this section is served by mail pursuant to subsection (7)(b) of this section, the minimum period for compliance must be extended by three days and the notice must include the extension in the period stated in the notice.

"(9)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6)(c) of this section and except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the purchaser is not a landlord subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 90 unless the purchaser:

20 "(A) Accepts rent from the individual who possesses the property under 21 a tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section;

"(B) Enters into a new rental agreement with the individual who possesses the property under a tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section; or

25 "(C) Fails to terminate the tenancy as provided in subsection (6)(c) of this 26 section within 30 days after the date of the sale.

"(b) The purchaser may act as a landlord for purposes of terminating a
tenancy in accordance with the provisions of ORS 90.396.

"(c) The purchaser is subject to the provisions of ORS 90.322, 90.375,
105.165, 659A.421 and 659A.425. The application of ORS 90.375 to a purchaser

that does not become a landlord does not impose an affirmative duty to pay for or provide services. For the purpose of damages pursuant to this paragraph, 'rent' refers to the amount paid by the tenant to the landlord for the right to occupy the unit before the foreclosure.

5 "(10)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the pur-6 chaser is not liable to the individual who possesses the property under a 7 tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section for:

8 "(A) Damage to the property or diminution in rental value; or

9 "(B) Returning a security deposit.

"(b) A purchaser that is a landlord under the provisions of subsection
 (9)(a) of this section is liable to the individual who possesses the property
 under a tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section for:

"(A) Damage to the property or diminution in rental value that occurs
after the date of the trustee's sale; or

"(B) Returning a security deposit the individual pays after the date of thetrustee's sale.

"(11)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection and notwithstanding an agreement to the contrary, in an action or defense arising pursuant to subsection (6)(c), (d), (f) or (g), (7) or (9)(c) of this section, reasonable attorney fees at trial and on appeal may be awarded to the prevailing party together with costs and disbursements.

"(b) If a tenant asserts a successful defense to an action for possession pursuant to subsection (6)(c), (d), (f) or (g) of this section, the tenant is not entitled to prevailing party fees, attorney fees or costs and disbursements if the purchaser:

"(A) Did not know, and did not have reasonable cause to know, of the existence of a fixed term tenancy when commencing the action for possession; and

"(B) Promptly dismissed the action upon becoming aware of the existence
 of a fixed term tenancy.

1 "(c) As used in this subsection, 'prevailing party' means the party in 2 whose favor final judgment is rendered.

"(12)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, except when a beneficiary has participated in obtaining a stay, foreclosure proceedings that are stayed by order of the court, by proceedings in bankruptcy or for any other lawful reason shall, after release from the stay, continue as if uninterrupted, if within 30 days after release the trustee sends amended notice of sale by registered or certified mail to the last-known address of the persons listed in ORS 86.740 and 86.750 (1).

10 "(b) In addition to the notice required under paragraph (a) of this sub-11 section, the trustee shall send amended notice of sale:

12 "(A) By registered or certified mail to:

"(i) The address provided by each person who was present at the time and
 place set for the sale that was stayed; and

"(ii) The address provided by each member of the Oregon State Bar who by registered or certified mail requests the amended notice of sale and includes with the request the notice of default or an identification number for the trustee's sale that would assist the trustee in identifying the property subject to the trustee's sale and a self-addressed, stamped envelope measuring at least 8.5 by 11 inches in size; or

"(B) By posting a true copy or a link to a true copy of the amended notice
of sale on the trustee's Internet website.

23 "(13) The amended notice of sale must:

<sup>24</sup> "(a) Be given at least 20 days before the amended date of sale;

"(b) Set an amended date of sale that may be the same as the original sale
date, or date to which the sale was postponed, provided the requirements of
this subsection and ORS 86.740 and 86.750 are satisfied;

- <sup>28</sup> "(c) Specify the time and place for sale;
- <sup>29</sup> "(d) Conform to the requirements of ORS 86.745; and
- 30 "(e) State that the original sale proceedings were stayed and the date the

1 stay terminated.

"(14) If the publication of the notice of sale was not completed before the  $\mathbf{2}$ date the foreclosure proceedings were stayed by order of the court, by pro-3 ceedings in bankruptcy or for any other lawful reason, after release from the 4 stay, in addition to complying with the provisions of subsections (12) and (13)  $\mathbf{5}$ of this section, the trustee shall complete the publication by publishing an 6 amended notice of sale that states that the notice has been amended follow-7 ing release from the stay and that contains the amended date of sale. The 8 amended notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in 9 each of the counties in which the property is situated once a week for four 10 successive weeks, except that the required number of publications must be 11 reduced by the number of publications that were completed before the effec-12tive date of the stay. The last publication must be made more than 20 days 13 before the date the trustee conducts the sale. 14

"SECTION 16. ORS 86.755, as amended by section 7, chapter 510, Oregon
 Laws 2011, and section 10, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended to
 read:

"86.755. (1)(a) A trustee shall hold a trustee's sale on the date and at the 18 time and place designated in the notice of sale given under ORS 86.740. The 19 designated time of the trustee's sale must be after 9 a.m. and before 4 p.m., 20based on the standard of time set forth in ORS 187.110, and the designated 21place of the trustee's sale must be in the county or one of the counties in 22which the property is situated. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this 23subsection, the trustee may sell the property in one parcel or in separate 24parcels and shall sell the parcel or parcels at auction to the highest bidder 25for cash. Any person, including the beneficiary under the trust deed, but 26excluding the trustee, may bid at the trustee's sale. An attorney for the 27trustee, or an agent that the trustee or the attorney designates, may conduct 28the sale and act in the sale as the trustee's auctioneer. 29

30 "(b) If the trustee sells property upon which a single residential unit that

is subject to an affordable housing covenant is situated, the eligible covenant
holder may purchase the property from the trustee at the trustee's sale for
cash or cash equivalent in an amount that is the lesser of:

4 "(A) The sum of the amounts payable under ORS 86.765 (1) and (2); or

5 "(B) The highest bid received for the property other than a bid from the 6 eligible covenant holder.

"(c)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, if an
eligible covenant holder purchases the property in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection, the sale forecloses and terminates all other interests in the property as provided in ORS 86.770 (1).

"(B) If an interest in the property exists that is prior to the eligible covenant holder's interest, other than the interest set forth in the trust deed that was the subject of the foreclosure proceeding under ORS 86.735, notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 86.770 (1) the sale does not foreclose and terminate the prior interest and the eligible covenant holder's title to the property is subject to the prior interest.

"[(2)(a)] (2) The trustee or the attorney for the trustee, or an agent that the trustee or the attorney conducting the sale designates, may postpone the sale for one or more periods that total not more than 180 days from the original sale date, giving notice of each postponement by public proclamation made at the time and place set for sale. The trustee, the attorney or an agent that the trustee or the attorney designates may make the proclamation.

"[(b) If a person postpones the sale date as provided in paragraph (a) of this 23subsection, the trustee, in the manner provided for service of the notice of sale 24under ORS 86.740 (1), shall cause written notice of the new time, date and 25place for the sale to be served on the grantor and on any person to whom notice 26of the sale was given under ORS 86.745. The notice must be given at least 15 27days before the new sale date. The person may postpone the sale once, for not 28more than two calendar days, without giving notice as provided in this para-29 graph. The person may not postpone the sale for more than two calendar days 30

1 or more than once without giving notice as provided in this paragraph.]

"(3) The purchaser shall pay at the time of sale the price bid or the price
determined in accordance with subsection (1)(b) of this section, and, within
10 days following payment, the trustee shall execute and deliver the trustee's
deed to the purchaser.

6 "(4) The trustee's deed shall convey to the purchaser the interest in the 7 property that the grantor had, or had the power to convey, at the time the 8 grantor executed the trust deed, together with any interest the grantor or 9 the grantor's successors in interest acquire after the execution of the trust 10 deed.

"(5)(a) If property purchased at the trustee's sale includes one or more dwelling units that are subject to ORS chapter 90, the purchaser must provide written notice of change in ownership to the occupants of each unit within 30 days after the date of sale and before or concurrently with service of a written termination notice authorized by subsection (6)(c)(B) of this section.

17 "(b) The notice required by this subsection must:

"(A) Explain that the dwelling unit has been sold at a foreclosure saleand that the purchaser at that sale is the new owner.

<sup>20</sup> "(B) Include the date on which the foreclosure sale took place.

"(C) Include the name, contact address and contact telephone number of the purchaser or the purchaser's representative.

"(D) Provide information about the rights of bona fide residential tenants
as provided in subsections (6)(c) and (e) and (9)(a) of this section.

"(E) Include contact information for the Oregon State Bar and a person
or organization that provides legal help to individuals at no charge to the
individual.

<sup>28</sup> "(c) The notice must be served by one or more of the following methods:

<sup>29</sup> "(A) Personal delivery to the tenant.

30 "(B) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit.

"(C) First class mail to the tenant at the dwelling unit and attachment of a second notice copy. The second notice copy must be attached in a secure manner to the main entrance to the portion of the premises in the possession of the tenant.

5 "(D) If the names of the tenants are not known to the purchaser, the no-6 tice may be addressed to 'occupants.'

"(d) A notice that contains the information required under paragraph
(b)(B) and (C) of this subsection meets the requirements of paragraph (b) of
this subsection if the notice is in substantially the following form:

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60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR

• AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRIT TEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR
 WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT.

If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left.

30 You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the

1 foreclosure sale before you can be required to move.

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• Is the result of an arm's-length transaction;

• Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and

• Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.

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The new owner may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise:

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• The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property; and

• You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to 5 you.

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30 "(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, at any time

after the trustee's sale the purchaser may follow the procedures set forth in ORS 105.105 to 105.168 or other applicable judicial procedure to obtain possession of the property from a person that holds possession under an interest that the grantor or a successor of the grantor created voluntarily if, not earlier than 30 days before the date first set for the sale, the person was served with not less than 30 days' written notice of the requirement to surrender or deliver possession of the property.

8 "(c) If the property purchased at the trustee's sale includes a dwelling 9 unit that is subject to ORS chapter 90 and an individual occupies the unit 10 under a bona fide tenancy, the purchaser may obtain possession by following 11 the procedures set forth in ORS 105.105 to 105.168 and by using the complaint 12 form provided in ORS 105.124 or 105.126:

"(A) At least 60 days after service of a written termination notice, if the
bona fide tenancy is a fixed term tenancy as defined in ORS 90.100; or

"(B) At least 30 days after service of a written termination notice if the
bona fide tenancy is:

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"(d) If a purchaser gives a 30-day written termination notice pursuant to 22paragraph (c) of this subsection, the purchaser may include in the notice a 23request that a tenant with a fixed term tenancy provide written evidence of 24the existence of the tenancy to the purchaser at an address described in the 25notice. Written evidence includes a copy of the rental agreement or another 26document that shows the existence of the fixed term tenancy. Failure of the 27tenant to provide the requested written evidence before the purchaser files 28an action for possession based on a 30-day notice: 29

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1 term tenancy as a defense to the action.

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or costs and disbursements pursuant to subsection (11)(b) of this section. The
30-day notice must describe the provisions of this paragraph.

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105.168 that is authorized under this subsection before the later of:

7 "(A) The 10th day after the trustee's sale;

"(B) The date specified in a written notice of the requirement to surrender
or deliver possession of the property if the notice is required by and is given
to the person in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection;

"(C) The date specified in a written notice of the purchaser's intent to terminate a tenancy if the notice is required by and is given to the person in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection; or

"(D) The date on which the term of a fixed term tenancy ends, if the
property is a dwelling unit and the purchaser has not terminated the tenancy
in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection.

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105.168 must attach proof of service of a written termination notice required
by paragraph (c) of this subsection to the pleadings.

"(g) In an action to obtain possession, violation of the procedures required by subsection (5) of this section or paragraph (c) of this subsection is a defense for a bona fide tenant seeking to retain possession.

"(h) As used in this subsection, 'bona fide tenancy' means tenancy of a dwelling unit that is subject to ORS chapter 90 that results from an arm'slength transaction that occurred before the date of a foreclosure sale in which:

"(A) The mortgagor or the child, spouse or parent of the mortgagor under
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"(8) If the notice under subsection (6) of this section is served by mail pursuant to subsection (7)(b) of this section, the minimum period for compliance must be extended by three days and the notice must include the extension in the period stated in the notice.

"(9)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6)(c) of this section and except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the purchaser is not a landlord subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 90 unless the purchaser:

"(A) Accepts rent from the individual who possesses the property under
a tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section;

"(B) Enters into a new rental agreement with the individual who possesses the property under a tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section; or

"(C) Fails to terminate the tenancy as provided in subsection (6)(c) of this
section within 30 days after the date of the sale.

"(b) The purchaser may act as a landlord for purposes of terminating a
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graph, 'rent' refers to the amount paid by the tenant to the landlord for the
right to occupy the unit before the foreclosure.

"(10)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the purchaser is not liable to the individual who possesses the property under a
tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section for:

6 "(A) Damage to the property or diminution in rental value; or

7 "(B) Returning a security deposit.

8 "(b) A purchaser that is a landlord under the provisions of subsection 9 (9)(a) of this section is liable to the individual who possesses the property 10 under a tenancy described in subsection (6)(c) of this section for:

11 "(A) Damage to the property or diminution in rental value that occurs 12 after the date of the trustee's sale; or

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"(A) Did not know, and did not have reasonable cause to know, of the existence of a fixed term tenancy when commencing the action for possession; and

"(B) Promptly dismissed the action upon becoming aware of the existence
of a fixed term tenancy.

29 "(c) As used in this subsection, 'prevailing party' means the party in 30 whose favor final judgment is rendered. "(12)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, except when a beneficiary has participated in obtaining a stay, foreclosure proceedings that are stayed by order of the court, by proceedings in bankruptcy or for any other lawful reason shall, after release from the stay, continue as if uninterrupted, if within 30 days after release the trustee sends amended notice of sale by registered or certified mail to the last-known address of the persons listed in ORS 86.740 and 86.750 (1).

8 "(b) In addition to the notice required under paragraph (a) of this sub-9 section, the trustee shall send amended notice of sale:

10 "(A) By registered or certified mail to:

11 "(i) The address provided by each person who was present at the time and 12 place set for the sale that was stayed; and

"(ii) The address provided by each member of the Oregon State Bar who by registered or certified mail requests the amended notice of sale and includes with the request the notice of default or an identification number for the trustee's sale that would assist the trustee in identifying the property subject to the trustee's sale and a self-addressed, stamped envelope measuring at least 8.5 by 11 inches in size; or

"(B) By posting a true copy or a link to a true copy of the amended noticeof sale on the trustee's Internet website.

21 "(13) The amended notice of sale must:

"(a) Be given at least 20 days before the amended date of sale;

"(b) Set an amended date of sale that may be the same as the original sale
date, or date to which the sale was postponed, provided the requirements of
this subsection and ORS 86.740 and 86.750 are satisfied;

<sup>26</sup> "(c) Specify the time and place for sale;

<sup>27</sup> "(d) Conform to the requirements of ORS 86.745; and

"(e) State that the original sale proceedings were stayed and the date thestay terminated.

<sup>30</sup> "(14) If the publication of the notice of sale was not completed before the

date the foreclosure proceedings were stayed by order of the court, by pro-1 ceedings in bankruptcy or for any other lawful reason, after release from the  $\mathbf{2}$ stay, in addition to complying with the provisions of subsections (12) and (13) 3 of this section, the trustee shall complete the publication by publishing an 4 amended notice of sale that states that the notice has been amended follow- $\mathbf{5}$ ing release from the stay and that contains the amended date of sale. The 6 amended notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in 7 each of the counties in which the property is situated once a week for four 8 successive weeks, except that the required number of publications must be 9 reduced by the number of publications that were completed before the effec-10 tive date of the stay. The last publication must be made more than 20 days 11 before the date the trustee conducts the sale.". 12

In line 42, delete "13" and insert "17".

14 On page 14, line 14, delete "section 3 (3) or section" and insert "3 (4) 15 or".

16 Delete lines 16 through 36 and insert:

17 "SECTION 18. ORS 646.638 is amended to read:

"646.638. (1) Except as provided in subsections (8) and (9) of this section, 18 [any] a person [who] that suffers [any] an ascertainable loss of money or 19 property, real or personal, as a result of [willful use or employment by] an-20other [person] person's willful use or employment of a method, act or 21practice declared unlawful [by] under ORS 646.608, may bring an individual 22action in an appropriate court to recover actual damages or statutory dam-23ages of \$200, whichever is greater. The court or the jury[, as the case may 24be,] may award punitive damages and the court may provide [the] any equi-25table relief the court considers necessary or proper. 26

"(2) [Upon commencement of any action brought] A person that brings an action under subsection (1) of this section [the party bringing the action] shall mail a copy of the complaint or other initial pleading to the Attorney General at the time the action commences and, upon entry of any judgment in the action, shall mail a copy of the judgment to the Attorney General. Failure to mail a copy of the complaint [*shall not be*] **is not** a jurisdictional defect, but a court may not enter judgment for the plaintiff until proof of mailing is filed with the court. Proof of mailing may be by affidavit or by return receipt of mailing.

6 "(3) The court may award reasonable attorney fees and costs at trial and 7 on appeal to a prevailing plaintiff in an action under this section. The court 8 may award reasonable attorney fees and costs at trial and on appeal to a 9 prevailing defendant only if the court finds [*there was no*] **that an** objec-10 tively reasonable basis for bringing the action or asserting the ground for 11 appeal **did not exist**.

"(4) The court may not award attorney fees to a prevailing defendant
under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section if the action under this
section is maintained as a class action pursuant to ORCP 32.

"(5) Any permanent injunction or final judgment or order [*of*] the court [*made*] **makes** under ORS 646.632 or 646.636 is prima facie evidence in an action brought under this section that the respondent used or employed a method, act or practice declared unlawful [*by*] **under** ORS 646.608, but an assurance of voluntary compliance, whether or not approved by the court, [*shall not be*] **is not** evidence of the violation.

"(6) Actions brought under this section [*shall*] **must** be commenced within 21one year [from] after the discovery of the unlawful method, act or practice. 22[However, whenever any complaint is filed by] Notwithstanding this limi-23tation, if a prosecuting [attorney] attorney filed a complaint to prevent, 24restrain or punish [violations] a violation of ORS 646.608, [running of] the 25**complaint tolls** the statute of limitations with respect to every private right 26of action under this section [and] that is based in whole or in part on any 27matter set forth in the prosecuting attorney's complaint for the period 28of time in which the proceeding that the prosecuting attorney initiated 29 is pending [complained of in said proceeding shall be suspended during the 30

1 pendency thereof].

"(7) Notwithstanding subsection (6) of this section, in any action [brought
by] that a seller or lessor brings against a purchaser or lessee of real estate,
goods or services, the purchaser or lessee may assert any counterclaim that
the purchaser or lessee has arising out of a violation of ORS 646.605 to
646.652.

"(8) A class action may be maintained under this section. In any class
action under this section:

9 "(a) Statutory damages under subsection (1) of this section may be re-10 covered on behalf of class members only if the plaintiffs in the action es-11 tablish that the members have sustained an ascertainable loss of money or 12 property as a result of a reckless or knowing use or employment by the de-13 fendant of a method, act or practice declared unlawful by ORS 646.608;

14 "(b) The trier of fact may award punitive damages; and

<sup>15</sup> "(c) The court may award appropriate equitable relief.

16 "(9) This section does not apply to:

"(a) Any method, act or practice described in ORS 646.608 (1)(aa). Actions
for violation of laws relating to odometers are provided under ORS 815.410
and 815.415.

<sup>20</sup> "(b) A violation of section 2 (1)(a) or (2), 3 (4) or 4 (1) or (2) of this <sup>21</sup> 2013 Act.

"SECTION 19. Sections 2a and 3, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2012, are
 repealed.

"SECTION 20. (1) Sections 2 to 6 of this 2013 Act, the amendments
to ORS 86.705, 86.735, 86.740, 86.750, 86.755, 88.010, 646.607 and 646.638 and
sections 2, 4 and 4a, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2012, by sections 7 to
18 of this 2013 Act and the repeal of sections 2a and 3, chapter 112,
Oregon Laws 2012, by section 19 of this 2013 Act become operative 121
days after the effective date of this 2013 Act.

30 "(2) The Attorney General may take any action before the operative

date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the Attorney General to exercise, on and after the operative date
specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions
and powers conferred on the Attorney General by sections 2 to 6 of this
2013 Act and the amendments to ORS 86.705, 86.735, 86.740, 86.750,
86.755, 88.010, 646.607 and 646.638 and sections 2, 4 and 4a, chapter 112,
Oregon Laws 2012, by sections 7 to 18 of this 2013 Act.

"SECTION 21. Sections 2 to 6 of this 2013 Act, the amendments to 8 ORS 86.705, 86.735, 86.740, 86.750, 86.755, 88.010, 646.607 and 646.638 and 9 sections 2, 4 and 4a, chapter 112, Oregon Laws 2012, by sections 7 to 10 18 of this 2013 Act and the repeal of sections 2a and 3, chapter 112, 11 Oregon Laws 2012, by section 19 of this 2013 Act apply to requests for 12resolution conferences that a grantor submits, to notices of sale that 13 a trustee or beneficiary or an agent of the trustee or beneficiary sends 14 and to suits to foreclose a residential trust deed that commence on 15or after the operative date specified in section 20 of this 2013 Act. 16

"SECTION 22. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.".

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