

HB 3155 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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Meeting Dates: 4/6, 4/11, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates seven-member Task Force on Use of Surplus Public Lands for Housing to study the sale and use of public lands to address housing shortages. Permits task force to consult with experts, hear testimony from affected persons and collect data. Requires task force to submit report by December 31, 2017. Repeals act December 31, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Under current Oregon law, the state or county governing body may, whenever it deems it to the best interest of the county so to do, sell and convey, in the manner provided for sale of county lands any real estate owned by the county and not in use for county purposes. Such lands, known as surplus lands, are held by both state agencies and counties.

House Bill 3155 would create a task force to investigate the suitability of available surplus lands for housing purposes throughout the state.