

HB 2766 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Housing

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Use of Surplus Public Lands for Housing. Clarifies primary charge of task force is to study the sale and use of surplus public lands to address statewide housing shortages. Determines membership and appointing entities. Directs Department of State Lands to staff the task force. Requires task force to submit a report and any recommendations to interim legislative committee related to housing no later than December 31, 2021. Sunsets task force on December 31, 2022. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law regarding public lands provides that the State retain ownership of no more real property than is necessary to conduct official business and to meet future needs. The acquisition, sale, exchange, lease, retention and management of state-owned real property is subject to routine review by the Department of Administrative Services and other land-owning agencies.

In 2015, House Bill 3524 required state agencies selling certain lands to give first right of refusal to nonprofit organizations and Indian Tribes as defined by ORS 97.740 for the development of affordable housing. The measure stipulated that the property be located within an urban growth boundary, an urban reserve, a rural community, or an urban unincorporated community; was not being used for a public purpose; and was not needed for public use within five years.

House Bill 2766 establishes a Task Force on the Use of Surplus Public Lands for Housing. It determines membership and appointing entities, and requires the task force to submit a report to an interim legislative committee related to housing no later than December 31, 2021.