

HB 2737 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes agencies to sell, lease, or donate state real property under agency's purview to eligible Indian tribes, notwithstanding ordinary transfer procedures.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Existing authority to transfer land
- Returning lands to tribal ownership
- Statutory priorities for land transfer

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Authorizes state agencies to transfer, convey, donate, exchange or lease real property *or interest in real property* to eligible Indian tribes.

FIS: no fiscal impact on measure with the -1

RIS: no revenue impact on measure with the -1

BACKGROUND:

State procedures governing the ability of state agencies to transfer real property are governed by ORS 270. Statute specifies the policy that the State own no more land than is necessary to conduct official business, both now and in the foreseeable future, and provides for the sale or lease of property to private ownership in order to maximize taxable lands. Right of first refusal in purchase or lease of state-owned land goes to: lessees of the land; where intended activity or use is similar to adjacent properties; adjacent landowners; residents within the region; and persons outside the region.