

Clatsop County

HB 3545 A

Responsible Approach to HOA Fees and Public Funds

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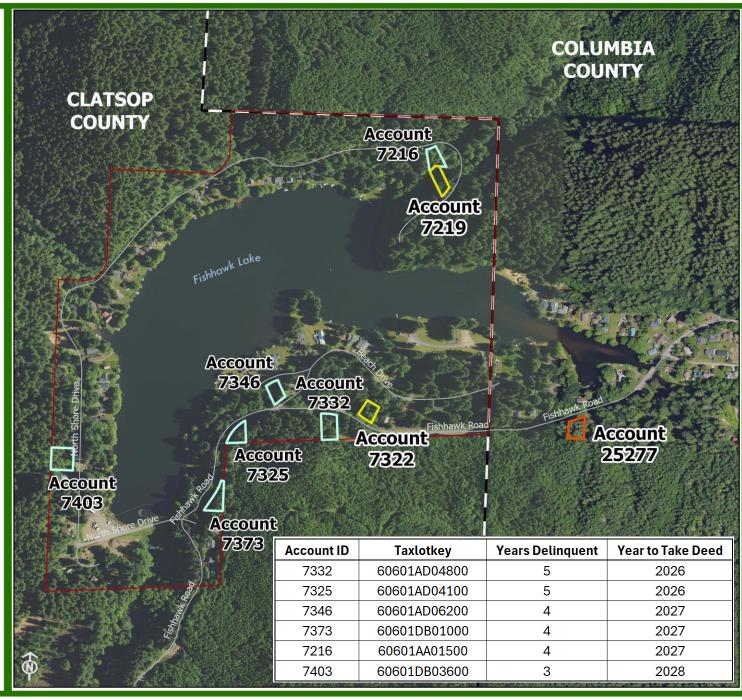
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Clatsop County Expense





What HB 3545 A Does

- HOA fees accrue as a lien against a tax foreclosed property when a county takes deed.
- Responsibility for paying the lien (accrued HOA fees) is the responsibility of:
 - The **new owner**, no later than the date they receive title; or
 - The **county**, only if it chooses to permanently retain or lease the property (due within 30 days of that decision)
- **HOAs may record the lien** and must notify the county of assessments according to their regular dues schedule.
- The lien **cannot include costs or fee** increases for payment of a fine, penalty, settlement, or attorney fees that are the result of the **HOA violating local, state, or federal law**.
- HOA fee accrual applies to properties currently held by counties, starting the effective date of the bill.



Why HB 3545 A Matters

- Relieves counties of unintended financial burden and protects taxpayer dollars
- Preserves HOAs' right to collect dues
- Balances public responsibility with private contracts
- Supports timely return of properties to productive use
- Supports good governance and fiscal responsibility