SENATE AMENDMENTS TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS TO A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 3137

By COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

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On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, delete "and". 1 $\mathbf{2}$ In line 4, after "696.290," insert "696.294,". 3 In line 5, after "696.990" insert "; and repealing sections 14 and 18, chapter ____, Oregon Laws 2025 (Enrolled House Bill 2373)". 4 5 On page 4, after line 21, insert: 6 "SECTION 1a. If House Bill 2373 becomes law, section 1 of this 2025 Act (amending ORS 696.010) is repealed and ORS 696.010, as amended by section 1, chapter ____, Oregon Laws 2025 7 (Enrolled House Bill 2373), is amended to read: 8 9 "696.010. As used in ORS 696.010 to 696.495, 696.600 to 696.785, 696.800 to 696.870, 696.990 and 10 696.995 and sections 13 and 20 of this 2025 Act, unless the context requires otherwise: 11 "(1) 'Associated with' means to be employed, engaged or otherwise supervised by, with respect 12to the relationship between: 13"(a) A real estate broker and a [principal real estate broker] managing principal broker; 14 "(b) A licensed real estate property manager and a [principal real estate broker] managing 15principal broker; or 16 "(c) A licensed real estate property manager and another licensed real estate property manager. 17 "(2) 'Bank' includes any bank or trust company, savings bank, mutual savings bank, savings and 18 loan association or credit union that maintains a head office or a branch in this state in the capacity 19 of a bank or trust company, savings bank, mutual savings bank, savings and loan association or 20 credit union. 21"(3)(a) 'Branch office' means a business location, other than the main office designated under 22ORS 696.200, where professional real estate activity is regularly conducted or that is advertised to 23the public as a place where professional real estate activity may be regularly conducted. 24(b) Model units or temporary structures used solely for the dissemination of information and 25distribution of lawfully required public reports shall not be considered branch offices. A model unit 26means a permanent residential structure located in a subdivision or development used for such dis-27semination and distribution, so long as the unit is at all times available for sale, lease, lease option 28or exchange. 29"(4) 'Business day' means a day other than Saturday or Sunday or a federal or State of Oregon 30 legal holiday. 31"(5) 'Commingle' means the mixing of funds from any source, including personal funds, with trust 32funds as defined in ORS 696.241, by a licensed real estate property manager or [principal real estate 33 broker] managing principal broker, except as specifically authorized by this chapter. 34 (6) 'Compensation' means valuable consideration for services rendered or to be rendered, 35 whether contingent or otherwise.

1 "(7) 'Competitive market analysis' means a method or process used by a real estate licensee in 2 pursuing a listing agreement or in formulating an offer to acquire real estate in a transaction for 3 the sale, lease, lease-option or exchange of real estate. The objective of competitive market analysis 4 is a recommended listing, selling or purchase price or a lease or rental consideration. A competitive 5 market analysis may be expressed as an opinion of the value of the real estate in a contemplated 6 transaction. Competitive market analysis may include but is not limited to an analysis of market 7 conditions, public records, past transactions and current listings of real estate.

8 "(8) 'Expired' means, in the context of a real estate licensee, that the license has not been re-9 newed in a timely manner, but may still be renewed.

"(9) 'Inactive' means, in the context of a real estate licensee, that the licensee is not authorized to engage in professional real estate activity. The inactive status of a license continues until the license is reactivated or the license expires or lapses.

"(10) 'Lapsed' means, in the context of a real estate licensee, that the license has not been renewed in a timely manner and is not eligible for renewal.

¹⁵ "(11) 'Letter opinion' has the meaning given that term in ORS 696.294.

16 "(12) 'Licensed real estate property manager' means an individual who holds an active real es-17 tate property manager's license issued under ORS 696.022.

"(13) 'Main office' means the office designated by a [principal real estate broker] managing
 principal broker or licensed real estate property manager pursuant to ORS 696.200.

20 "(14) 'Management of rental real estate' means:

21 "(a) Representing the owner of real estate under a property management agreement in the rental 22 or lease of the real estate and includes but is not limited to:

23 "(A) Advertising the real estate for rent or lease;

24 "(B) Procuring prospective tenants to rent or lease the real estate;

25 "(C) Negotiating with prospective tenants;

26 "(D) Accepting deposits from prospective tenants;

27 "(E) Checking the qualifications and creditworthiness of prospective tenants;

28 "(F) Charging and collecting rent or lease payments;

29 "(G) Representing the owner in inspection or repair of the real estate;

30 "(H) Contracting for repair or remodeling of the real estate;

31 "(I) Holding trust funds or property received in managing the real estate and accounting to the 32 owner for the funds or property;

33 "(J) Advising the owner regarding renting or leasing the real estate;

34 "(K) Providing staff and services to accommodate the tax reporting and other financial or ac-35 counting needs of the real estate;

36 "(L) Providing copies of records of acts performed on behalf of the owner of the real estate; and

"(M) Offering or attempting to do any of the acts described in this paragraph for the owner of the real estate; or

39 "(b) Representing a tenant or prospective tenant when renting or leasing real estate for which 40 a real estate property manager has a property management agreement with the owner of the real 41 estate and includes but is not limited to:

42 "(A) Consulting with tenants or prospective tenants about renting or leasing real estate;

43 "(B) Assisting prospective tenants in renting or leasing real estate;

44 "(C) Assisting prospective tenants in qualifying for renting or leasing real estate;

45 "(D) Accepting deposits or other funds from prospective tenants for renting or leasing real es-

1 tate and holding the funds in trust for the prospective tenants;

2 "(E) Representing tenants or prospective tenants renting or leasing real estate; and

3 "(F) Offering or attempting to do any of the acts described in this paragraph for a tenant or 4 prospective tenant.

5 "(15) 'Managing principal broker' means an individual who is a principal real estate bro-6 ker and who has registered or assumed responsibility for a business name under this chap-7 ter.

8 "[(15)] (16) 'Nonlicensed individual' means an individual:

9 "(a) Who has not obtained a real estate license; or

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"(b) Whose real estate license is lapsed, expired, inactive, suspended, surrendered or revoked.

"[(16)] (17) 'Principal real estate broker' means an individual who holds an active license as a principal real estate broker issued under ORS 696.022.

"[(17)] (18) 'Professional real estate activity' means any of the following actions, when engaged in for another and for compensation or with the intention or in the expectation or upon the promise of receiving or collecting compensation, by any person who:

16 "(a) Sells, exchanges, purchases, rents or leases real estate;

17 "(b) Offers to sell, exchange, purchase, rent or lease real estate;

"(c) Negotiates, offers, attempts or agrees to negotiate the sale, exchange, purchase, rental or
 leasing of real estate;

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"(d) Lists, offers, attempts or agrees to list real estate for sale;

"(e) Offers, attempts or agrees to perform or provide a competitive market analysis or letter opinion, to represent a taxpayer under ORS 305.239 or 309.100 or to give an opinion in any administrative or judicial proceeding regarding the value of real estate for taxation, except when the activity is performed by a state certified appraiser or state licensed appraiser;

25 "(f) Auctions, offers, attempts or agrees to auction real estate;

26 "(g) Buys, sells, offers to buy or sell or otherwise deals in options on real estate;

27 "(h) Engages in management of rental real estate;

"(i) Purports to be engaged in the business of buying, selling, exchanging, renting or leasing real
 estate;

"(j) Assists or directs in the procuring of prospects, calculated to result in the sale, exchange,
leasing or rental of real estate;

"(k) Assists or directs in the negotiation or closing of any transaction calculated or intended to result in the sale, exchange, leasing or rental of real estate;

"(L) Except as otherwise provided in ORS 696.030 (12), advises, counsels, consults or analyzes
 in connection with real estate values, sales or dispositions, including dispositions through eminent
 domain procedures;

"(m) Advises, counsels, consults or analyzes in connection with the acquisition or sale of real estate by an entity if the purpose of the entity is investment in real estate; or

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"(n) Performs real estate marketing activity as described in ORS 696.600.

40 "[(18)] (19) 'Property management agreement' means a written contract for the management of 41 rental real estate between a real estate property manager and the owner of the rental real estate.

42 "[(19)] (20) 'Real estate' includes leaseholds and licenses to use including, but not limited to, 43 timeshare estates and timeshare licenses as defined in ORS 94.803, as well as any and every interest 44 or estate in real property, whether corporeal or incorporeal, whether freehold or nonfreehold, 45 whether held separately or in common with others and whether the real property is situated in this 1 state or elsewhere.

2 "[(20)] (21) 'Real estate broker' means an individual who holds an active license as a real estate 3 broker issued under ORS 696.022.

4 "[(21)] (22) 'Real estate licensee' means an individual who holds an active license or an active 5 limited license as a real estate broker, principal real estate broker, licensed real estate property 6 manager or timeshare sales agent.

7 "[(22)] (23) 'Real estate property manager' means a real estate licensee who engages in the 8 management of rental real estate and is:

9 "(a) A licensed real estate property manager[,];

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"(b) A managing principal broker; or

"(c) A principal real estate broker or a real estate broker who is associated with and supervised
by a [principal real estate broker] managing principal broker.

"[(23)] (24) 'Registered business name' means a name registered with the Real Estate Agency under which the individual registering the name engages in professional real estate activity.

15 "[(24)] (25) 'Timeshare' has the meaning given that term in ORS 94.803.

"[(25)] (26) 'Timeshare sales agent' means an individual who holds an active license as a timeshare sales agent issued under ORS 696.022 and is not a real estate broker [or], principal real estate broker or managing principal broker.".

19 On page 7, after line 19, insert:

<u>SECTION 2a.</u> If House Bill 2373 becomes law, section 2 of this 2025 Act (amending ORS
696.010) is repealed and ORS 696.010, as amended by section 10, chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2024,
and section 2, chapter ___, Oregon Laws 2025 (Enrolled House Bill 2373), is amended to read:
"696.010. As used in ORS 696.010 to 696.495, 696.600 to 696.785, 696.800 to 696.870, 696.990 and
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unless the context requires otherwise:

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"(b) Model units or temporary structures used solely for the dissemination of information and distribution of lawfully required public reports shall not be considered branch offices. A model unit means a permanent residential structure located in a subdivision or development used for such dissemination and distribution, so long as the unit is at all times available for sale, lease, lease option or exchange.

"(4) 'Business day' means a day other than Saturday or Sunday or a federal or State of Oregonlegal holiday.

1 "(5) 'Commingle' means the mixing of funds from any source, including personal funds, with trust 2 funds as defined in ORS 696.241, by a licensed real estate property manager or [*principal real estate* 3 *broker*] **managing principal broker**, except as specifically authorized by this chapter.

4 "(6) 'Compensation' means valuable consideration for services rendered or to be rendered, 5 whether contingent or otherwise.

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 principal broker or licensed real estate property manager pursuant to ORS 696.200.

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- 31 "(D) Accepting deposits from prospective tenants;
- 32 "(E) Checking the qualifications and creditworthiness of prospective tenants;
- 33 "(F) Charging and collecting rent or lease payments;
- 34 "(G) Representing the owner in inspection or repair of the real estate;

35 "(H) Contracting for repair or remodeling of the real estate;

36 "(I) Holding trust funds or property received in managing the real estate and accounting to the 37 owner for the funds or property;

"(J) Advising the owner regarding renting or leasing the real estate;

39 "(K) Providing staff and services to accommodate the tax reporting and other financial or ac-40 counting needs of the real estate;

"(L) Providing copies of records of acts performed on behalf of the owner of the real estate; and
"(M) Offering or attempting to do any of the acts described in this paragraph for the owner of
the real estate; or

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1 estate and includes but is not limited to: 2 "(A) Consulting with tenants or prospective tenants about renting or leasing real estate; 3 "(B) Assisting prospective tenants in renting or leasing real estate; 4 "(C) Assisting prospective tenants in qualifying for renting or leasing real estate; "(D) Accepting deposits or other funds from prospective tenants for renting or leasing real es-5 tate and holding the funds in trust for the prospective tenants; 6 7 "(E) Representing tenants or prospective tenants renting or leasing real estate; and "(F) Offering or attempting to do any of the acts described in this paragraph for a tenant or 8 9 prospective tenant. "(15) 'Managing principal broker' means an individual who is a principal real estate bro-10 ker and who has registered or assumed responsibility for a business name under this chap-11 12 ter. "[(15)] (16) 'Nonlicensed individual' means an individual: 13"(a) Who has not obtained a real estate license; or 14 "(b) Whose real estate license is lapsed, expired, inactive, suspended, surrendered or revoked. 15"[(16)] (17) 'Principal real estate broker' means an individual who holds an active license as a 16 principal real estate broker issued under ORS 696.022. 17 18 "[(17)] (18) 'Professional real estate activity' means any of the following actions, when engaged 19 in for another and for compensation or with the intention or in the expectation or upon the promise 20 of receiving or collecting compensation, by any person who: 21"(a) Sells, exchanges, purchases, rents or leases real estate; 22"(b) Offers to sell, exchange, purchase, rent or lease real estate; 23 "(c) Negotiates, offers, attempts or agrees to negotiate the sale, exchange, purchase, rental or leasing of real estate; 24 25"(d) Lists, offers, attempts or agrees to list real estate for sale; 26"(e) Offers, attempts or agrees to perform or provide a competitive market analysis or letter 27opinion, to represent a taxpayer under ORS 305.239 or 309.100 or to give an opinion in any admin-28 istrative or judicial proceeding regarding the value of real estate for taxation, except when the ac-29 tivity is performed by a state certified appraiser or state licensed appraiser; 30 "(f) Auctions, offers, attempts or agrees to auction real estate; 31"(g) Buys, sells, offers to buy or sell or otherwise deals in options on real estate; 32 "(h) Engages in management of rental real estate; "(i) Purports to be engaged in the business of buying, selling, exchanging, renting or leasing real 33 34estate; (j) Assists or directs in the procuring of prospects, calculated to result in the sale, exchange, 35 36 leasing or rental of real estate; "(k) Assists or directs in the negotiation or closing of any transaction calculated or intended to 37 38 result in the sale, exchange, leasing or rental of real estate; 39 "(L) Except as otherwise provided in ORS 696.030 (12), advises, counsels, consults or analyzes 40 in connection with real estate values, sales or dispositions, including dispositions through eminent 41 domain procedures; "(m) Advises, counsels, consults or analyzes in connection with the acquisition or sale of real 4243 estate by an entity if the purpose of the entity is investment in real estate; or 44 "(n) Performs real estate marketing activity as described in ORS 696.600. 45 "[(18)] (19) 'Property management agreement' means a written contract for the management of 1 rental real estate between a real estate property manager and the owner of the rental real estate.

2 "[(19)] (20) 'Real estate' includes leaseholds and licenses to use including, but not limited to, timeshare estates and timeshare licenses as defined in ORS 94.803, as well as any and every interest 3 4 or estate in real property, whether corporeal or incorporeal, whether freehold or nonfreehold, whether held separately or in common with others and whether the real property is situated in this 5 state or elsewhere. 6

7 "[(20)] (21) 'Real estate broker' means an individual who holds an active license as a real estate 8 broker issued under ORS 696.022.

"[(21)] (22) 'Real estate licensee' means an individual who holds an active license or an active 9 limited license as a real estate broker, principal real estate broker, licensed real estate property 10 11 manager or timeshare sales agent.

"[(22)] (23) 'Real estate property manager' means a real estate licensee who engages in the 1213management of rental real estate and is:

"(a) A licensed real estate property manager[,]; 14

15"(b) A managing principal broker; or

16 "(c) A principal real estate broker or a real estate broker who is associated with and supervised 17 by a [principal real estate broker] managing principal broker.

18 "[(23)] (24) 'Registered business name' means a name registered with the Real Estate Agency 19 under which the individual registering the name engages in professional real estate activity.

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"[(24)] (25) 'Timeshare' has the meaning given that term in ORS 94.803.

21"[(25)] (26) 'Timeshare sales agent' means an individual who holds an active license as a 22timeshare sales agent issued under ORS 696.022 and is not a real estate broker [or], principal real 23estate broker or managing principal broker.".

After line 37, insert: 24

25"SECTION 3a. If House Bill 2373 becomes law, section 3 of this 2025 Act (amending ORS 696.020) is repealed and ORS 696.020, as amended by section 3, chapter ____, Oregon Laws 2025 2627(Enrolled House Bill 2373), is amended to read:

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"696.020. (1) The Real Estate Agency may issue a real estate license only to an individual.

29"(2) An individual may not engage in, carry on, advertise or purport to engage in or carry on 30 professional real estate activity, or act in the capacity of a real estate licensee, within this state unless the individual holds an active license as provided for in this chapter. 31

32"(3) Real estate brokers, managing principal brokers and principal real estate brokers are bound by and subject to the requirements of ORS 696.010 to 696.495, 696.600 to 696.785, 696.800 to 33 34696.870, 696.990 and 696.995 while:

35 "(a) Engaging in professional real estate activity; or

"(b) Acting on the licensee's own behalf in the sale, exchange, lease option or purchase of real 36 37 estate or in the offer or negotiations for the sale, exchange, lease option or purchase of real estate.

38 "(4) A real estate broker, managing principal broker, principal real estate broker or licensed 39 real estate property manager is bound by and subject to the requirements of ORS 696.010 to 696.495, 40 696.600 to 696.785, 696.890, 696.990 and 696.995 while engaging in the management of rental real 41 estate.

42"(5) A timeshare sales agent is bound by and subject to the requirements of ORS 696.010 to 696.495, 696.600 to 696.785, 696.800 to 696.870, 696.990 and 696.995 while selling or offering to sell 43 44 timeshares.

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(6) The agency by rule may establish provisions for a nonlicensed individual whose license is

1 inactive or suspended and who acts on the licensee's own behalf in the sale, exchange, lease option

2 or purchase of real estate or in the offer or negotiations for the sale, exchange, lease option or

3 purchase of real estate.".

4 On page 9, after line 41, insert:

5 "SECTION 4a. If House Bill 2373 becomes law, section 4 of this 2025 Act (amending ORS 6 696.022) is repealed and ORS 696.022, as amended by section 4, chapter ___, Oregon Laws 2025

7 (Enrolled House Bill 2373), is amended to read:

8 "696.022. (1) The Real Estate Agency shall establish by rule a system for licensing real estate 9 brokers, principal real estate brokers, licensed real estate property managers and timeshare sales 10 agents. The system shall establish, at a minimum:

"(a) The form and content of applications for licensing under each category of real estate professional licensed by the agency;

13 "(b) A licensing examination for each category of license;

"(c) Schedules and procedures for issuing and renewing licenses, including limited licenses under
 ORS 696.125; and

16 "(d) The term of a license in each category.

"(2)(a) A real estate broker may engage in professional real estate activity only if the broker is associated with [and supervised by a principal real estate broker] **a managing principal broker and supervised by the same managing principal broker**. Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, a real estate broker may not employ, engage or supervise the professional real estate activity of another real estate licensee.

"(b) For an applicant to qualify for a real estate broker's license, the Real Estate Commissioner
 must receive:

"(A) Certification by the applicant that the applicant has a high school diploma or a certificate for passing an approved high school equivalency test such as the General Educational Development (GED) test or the international equivalent, or other equivalent education acceptable to the commissioner;

28 "(B) Proof that the applicant:

29 "(i) Has successfully completed the basic real estate broker's educational courses required by 30 the agency by rule; and

"(ii) Has passed the real estate broker's examination required by the agency by rule; and

"(C) Certification that the applicant is at least 18 years of age.

33 "(c) A real estate broker who has acquired three years of active experience as a real estate 34 broker may supervise for up to 90 days the professional real estate activity of another real estate 35 licensee due to unforeseen circumstances or the temporary absence of a sole [*principal real estate* 36 broker] managing principal broker, as provided by the agency by rule.

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"[(3)(a) A principal real estate broker may engage in professional real estate activity.]

38 "(3)(a) A principal real estate broker may engage in professional real estate activity when 39 the principal real estate broker is a managing principal broker or is associated with a man-40 aging principal broker and is supervised by the same managing principal broker.

"(b) A principal real estate broker may conduct professional real estate activity in conjunction with other real estate brokers, principal real estate brokers or licensed real estate property managers. A principal real estate broker may employ, engage or supervise the professional real estate activity of another real estate licensee only if the principal real estate broker is a managing principal broker or if the principal real estate broker has a written supervisory agreement permitting the principal real estate broker to employ, engage or supervise the professional
 real estate activity of another real estate licensee.

"(c) For an applicant to qualify for a principal real estate broker's license, the commissioner
 must receive:

5 "(A) Certification by the applicant that the applicant has a high school diploma or a certificate 6 for passing an approved high school equivalency test such as the General Educational Development 7 (GED) test or the international equivalent, or other equivalent education acceptable to the com-8 missioner;

9 "(B) Proof that the applicant:

"(i) Has three years of active licensed experience as a licensed real estate broker or a licensed
 real estate salesperson in this state or another state;

"(ii) Has passed the principal real estate broker's examination required by the agency by rule; and

"(iii) Has successfully completed the brokerage administration and sales supervision course required by the agency by rule; and

16 "(C) Certification that the applicant is at least 18 years of age.

"(4)(a) An individual who holds a real estate property manager license may engage only in the management of rental real estate under a property management agreement with the owner of the rental real estate.

"(b) A licensed real estate property manager may employ, engage or supervise the professional
 real estate activity of another licensed real estate property manager.

"(c) For an applicant to qualify for a real estate property manager's license, the commissioner must receive:

"(A) Certification by the applicant that the applicant has a high school diploma or a certificate for passing an approved high school equivalency test such as the General Educational Development (GED) test or the international equivalent, or other equivalent education acceptable to the commissioner;

28 "(B) Proof that the applicant:

29 "(i) Has successfully completed the basic real estate property manager's educational courses 30 required by the agency by rule; and

"(ii) Has passed the real estate property manager's license examination required by the agencyby rule; and

33 "(C) Certification that the applicant is at least 18 years of age.

34 "(5)(a) The only professional real estate activity an individual who holds a timeshare sales agent 35 license may engage in is selling or offering to sell timeshares. A timeshare sales agent must be as-36 sociated with and supervised by a [*principal real estate broker*] **managing principal broker**. A 37 timeshare sales agent may not employ, engage or supervise the professional real estate activity of 38 another real estate licensee.

39 "(b) For an applicant to qualify for a timeshare sales agent license, the commissioner must re-40 ceive:

41 "(A) Proof that the applicant has successfully completed at least 14 hours of instruction in:

42 "(i) Ethics;

43 "(ii) The applicable laws and rules relating to timeshares; and

44 "(iii) The principles and practices of selling timeshares;

45 "(B) Proof that the applicant has passed the timeshare sales agent's examination required by the

1 agency by rule; and

2 "(C) Certification that the applicant is at least 18 years of age.

3 "(6)(a) A license for a real estate broker, principal real estate broker, licensed real estate 4 property manager or timeshare sales agent may be granted only to an individual who is trustworthy 5 and competent to conduct professional real estate activity in a manner that protects the public in-6 terest. As a condition of licensing, the commissioner may require proof of competence and 7 trustworthiness that the commissioner deems necessary to protect the public interest.

8 "(b) In implementing this subsection, the commissioner shall require fingerprints and criminal 9 offender information of an applicant for initial licensing and may require fingerprints and criminal 10 offender information of an applicant for license renewal. Fingerprints acquired under this sub-11 section may be used for the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check 12 under ORS 181A.195.

"(7) An individual licensed to engage in professional real estate activity in another state or country may qualify for a principal real estate broker license, real estate broker license, real estate property manager license or timeshare sales agent license if the individual successfully completes the course of study for and passes the license examination corresponding to the license for which the individual applies, both as prescribed by agency rule, and if the individual meets the other requirements for licensure in this chapter.

"(8) In order to satisfy the educational requirements under subsections (2) to (5) and (7) of this section, a course must be approved by the commissioner. The commissioner shall determine the final examination score acceptable as evidence of successful completion for each required course.

"(9) The Real Estate Board may determine that an applicant for a principal real estate broker's license has experience related to professional real estate activity that is equivalent to the experience required under subsection (3) of this section.".

25 On page 16, after line 11, insert:

<u>"SECTION 9a.</u> If House Bill 2373 becomes law, section 9 of this 2025 Act (amending ORS
696.174) is repealed and ORS 696.174, as amended by section 9, chapter ____, Oregon Laws 2025
(Enrolled House Bill 2373), is amended to read:

29 "696.174. (1) To renew an active license or to reactivate a license for the first time since the 30 license was renewed to an inactive status, a real estate licensee, other than a timeshare sales agent, 31 must complete 30 hours of real estate continuing education courses that are eligible for credit under 32 ORS 696.182 during the two years preceding the renewal or reactivation. The 30 hours must include: 33 "(a) At least [three] two hours in a course approved by the Real Estate Board on [state and 34 federal fair housing laws and] recent changes in real estate rule and law; [and]

"(b) At least two hours in a course approved by the Real Estate Board on state and fed eral fair housing laws; and

"[(b)(A)] (c)(A) If the real estate broker is renewing an active license for the first time or reactivating a license for the first time since renewing the license to an inactive status, an advanced
course in real estate practices approved by the Real Estate Agency;

"(B) If a licensed real estate property manager is renewing an active license for the first time
or reactivating a license for the first time since renewing the license to an inactive status, an advanced course in property management practices approved by the agency; or

"(C) If a principal real estate broker is renewing an active license for the first time or reactivating a license for the first time since renewing the license to an inactive status, an advanced course in brokerage practices approved by the agency.

"(2) The agency, in consultation with real estate professionals and educators, shall develop a preporting format to ensure that a real estate licensee, other than a timeshare sales agent, has completed the number of hours required by subsection (1) of this section. The reporting format must include:

5 "(a) The date, name and length of time of each course attended;

"(d) Any other information that the agency requires by rule.

6 "(b) The name of the real estate continuing education provider that offered the course;

7 "(c) The name of the instructor who taught the course; and

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9 "(3) The agency may waive any portion of the requirements of this section for a real estate 10 licensee who submits satisfactory evidence that poor health or other circumstances beyond the real 11 estate licensee's control prevented the real estate licensee from attending part or all of the contin-12 uing education courses required by subsection (1) of this section.

13 "(4) To renew an active license for the first time or to reactivate a license for the first 14 time since the license was renewed to an inactive status, a real estate licensee, other than 15 a timeshare sales agent, shall pass an assessment of licensee proficiency, in a manner ap-16 proved by the Real Estate Agency.".

17 On page 20, after line 22, insert:

"SECTION 14a. If House Bill 2373 becomes law, section 14 of this 2025 Act (amending ORS
696.241) is repealed and ORS 696.241, as amended by section 10, chapter ____, Oregon Laws 2025
(Enrolled House Bill 2373), is amended to read:

21 "696.241. (1) As used in this section, 'trust funds' means money belonging to others that is re-22 ceived or handled by a licensed real estate property manager or principal real estate broker in the 23 course of conducting professional real estate activity and in the real estate licensee's fiduciary ca-24 pacity.

25"(2) A licensed real estate property manager, or a [principal real estate broker] managing 26principal broker who engages in the management of rental real estate, shall open and maintain in 27this state one or more separate federally insured bank accounts that are designated clients' trust accounts under ORS 696.245. A [principal real estate broker] managing principal broker who en-2829gages in the management of rental real estate or a licensed real estate property manager shall de-30 posit in a clients' trust account all trust funds received or handled by the [principal real estate 31broker] managing principal broker, licensed real estate property manager or real estate licensees, other than a timeshare sales agent, subject to the supervision of the [principal real estate broker] 3233 managing principal broker.

"(3)(a) A [*principal real estate broker*] managing principal broker who receives or handles trust funds and does not deposit the trust funds in a licensed neutral escrow depository as described in paragraph (b) of this subsection shall open and maintain in this state one or more separate federally insured bank accounts that are designated clients' trust accounts under ORS 696.245. Pursuant to written agreement of all parties to a real estate transaction having an interest in the trust funds, the [*principal real estate broker*] managing principal broker shall immediately place the trust funds in a clients' trust account.

41 "(b) A [principal real estate broker] managing principal broker may deposit trust funds in a
42 licensed neutral escrow depository in this state.

43 "(4) A [*principal real estate broker*] managing principal broker or licensed real estate property 44 manager who opens a clients' trust account under subsection (2) or (3) of this section, or to whom 45 ownership of a clients' trust account is transferred, is liable for all deposits and disbursements made using the clients' trust account until the principal real estate broker or licensed real estate property
manager closes the account or transfers ownership of the account.

3 "(5) A principal real estate broker or licensed real estate property manager may not commingle 4 any other funds with the trust funds held in a clients' trust account, except for:

5 "(a) Earned interest on a clients' trust account as provided in subsections (7) and (8) of this 6 section; and

"(b) Earned compensation as provided in subsection (9) of this section.

8 "(6) If a licensed real estate property manager or [*principal real estate broker*] managing prin-9 cipal broker maintains a separate clients' trust account in a branch office, a separate bookkeeping 10 system must be maintained in the branch office and a copy of the records required under ORS 11 696.280 must be maintained in the main office of the licensed real estate property manager or 12 [*principal real estate broker*] managing principal broker.

"(7) Trust funds received by a licensed real estate property manager or [principal real estate 13broker] managing principal broker may be deposited by the licensed real estate property manager 14 15or [principal real estate broker] managing principal broker in a federally insured interest-bearing 16 bank account that is designated a clients' trust account under ORS 696.245, but only with the prior 17written approval of all parties who have an interest in the trust funds. The earnings of the 18 interest-bearing account inure to the benefit of the licensed real estate property manager or [prin-19 cipal real estate broker] managing principal broker only if expressly approved in writing by all 20parties who have an interest in the trust funds before deposit of the trust funds.

21"(8) With prior written notice to all parties who have an interest in the trust funds, a [principal 22real estate broker] managing principal broker may place trust funds received by the [principal real 23estate broker] managing principal broker in a real estate sales, purchase or exchange transaction in a federally insured interest-bearing bank account that is designated a clients' trust account under 2425ORS 696.245, the earnings of which inure to the benefit of a public benefit corporation, as defined 26in ORS 65.001, for distribution to organizations and individuals for first-time homebuying assistance 27and for development of affordable housing. The [principal real estate broker] managing principal broker shall select a qualified public benefit corporation to receive the interest earnings. 28

29"(9) In connection with a real estate sales, purchase or exchange transaction, a principal real 30 estate broker is not entitled to any part of any interest earnings on trust funds deposited under subsection (7) of this section or to any part of the earnest money or other money paid to the prin-3132cipal real estate broker as part or all of the principal real estate broker's compensation until the 33 transaction has been completed or terminated. The principal real estate broker and the seller shall 34negotiate and agree in writing to the disposition of forfeited earnest money at the time of execution 35 by the seller of any listing agreement or earnest money agreement. An agreement about the disposition of forfeited earnest money must be initialed by the seller or immediately precede the seller's 36 37 signature.

38 "(10) Trust funds in a clients' trust account are not subject to execution or attachment on any 39 claim against a licensed real estate property manager or principal real estate broker.

"(11) The Real Estate Agency by rule shall establish an optional procedure by which a principal real estate broker may elect to disburse disputed funds held in relation to the sale, exchange or purchase of real estate from a clients' trust account to the person who delivered the funds to the principal real estate broker. The procedure must allow disbursal not more than 20 days after a request is made for the disbursal. A disbursal pursuant to the procedure does not affect the claim of any other person to the funds.

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"(12) The agency may provide by rule for other records to be maintained and for the manner in which trust funds are deposited, held and disbursed. The rules adopted under this subsection may include requirements for interest or compensation held in a clients' trust account pursuant to subsection (5) of this section to be disbursed from the clients' trust account to a licensed real estate property manager or principal real estate broker.

6 "(13) A real estate broker [or], principal real estate broker or managing principal broker who, 7 for the purpose of transmitting a check, receives the check from a buyer or tenant that is payable 8 to a property owner or seller is exempt from the deposit requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of 9 this section.

"(14) A licensed real estate property manager who, for the purpose of transmitting a check, receives the check from a tenant that is payable to a property owner is exempt from the deposit requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

"(15) A timeshare sales agent who, for the purpose of transmitting a check, receives the check from a buyer that is payable to a property owner or seller is exempt from the deposit requirements of subsection (3) of this section.

"(16) The agency may determine by rule the records that must be maintained for checks received as described in subsections (13), (14) and (15) of this section and the manner in which the checks must be transmitted.".

19 On page 23, after line 39, insert:

"<u>SECTION 17a.</u> If House Bill 2373 becomes law, ORS 696.290, as amended by section 17 of this
 2025 Act, is amended to read:

"696.290. (1)(a) Except as provided in this subsection, a real estate licensee may not offer, promise, allow, give, pay or rebate, directly or indirectly, any part or share of the licensee's compensation arising or accruing from any real estate transaction or pay a finder's fee to any person who is not a real estate licensee licensed under ORS 696.022, including a nonlicensed individual described in ORS 696.030.

"(b) A managing principal broker may pay a finder's fee or a share of the real estate licensee's compensation on a cooperative sale when the payment is made to a licensed real estate broker in another state or country, provided that:

30 "(A) The state or country in which the nonresident real estate broker is licensed has a law 31 permitting real estate brokers to cooperate with managing principal brokers in this state; and

32 "(B) The nonresident real estate broker does not conduct in this state any acts constituting 33 professional real estate activity and for which compensation is paid. If a country does not license 34 real estate brokers, the payee must be a citizen or resident of the country and represent that the 35 payee is in the business of real estate brokerage in the other country.

"(c) A real estate licensee may offer, promise, allow, give, pay or rebate, directly or indirectly, parts or shares of the licensee's compensation, arising or accruing from any real estate transaction, to a charitable organization that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

39 "(2) A real estate licensee, other than a timeshare sales agent, associated with a managing 40 principal broker may not accept compensation from any person other than the managing principal 41 broker with whom the real estate licensee is associated at the time.

42 "(3) A managing principal broker may not make payment to the real estate broker of another 43 managing principal broker except through the managing principal broker with whom the real estate 44 broker is associated.

45 "(4) Notwithstanding ORS 696.010 to 696.495, 696.600 to 696.785 and 696.800 to 696.870, a prin-

cipal real estate broker or a real estate licensee, other than a timeshare sales agent, associated with a managing principal broker may create a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or other lawfully constituted business organization for the purpose of receiving compensation. The real estate licensee may not conduct professional real estate activity under a business organization created pursuant to this subsection.

6 "(5) Nothing in this section prevents payment of compensation earned by a real estate broker 7 or principal real estate broker while licensed because of the real estate broker's or principal real 8 estate broker's association with a different managing principal broker or because of inactivation of 9 the real estate broker's or principal real estate broker's license. The compensation may be paid di-10 rectly to the real estate licensee by the managing principal broker with whom the real estate 11 licensee was associated at the time the professional real estate activity for which the compensation 12 was earned was conducted.

"(6) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prohibits a managing principal broker or licensed real estate property manager who has a property management agreement with the owner of a residential building or facility from authorizing the payment of a referral fee, rent credit or other compensation to an existing tenant of the owner or real estate licensee, or a former tenant if the former tenant resided in the building or facility within the previous six months, as compensation for referring new tenants to the real estate licensee.

"(7)(a) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prevents an Oregon managing principal broker
from sharing compensation on a cooperative nonresidential real estate transaction with a person
who holds an active real estate license in another state or country, provided:

"(A) Before the out-of-state real estate licensee performs any act in this state that constitutes professional real estate activity, the real estate licensee and the cooperating Oregon managing principal broker agree in writing that the acts constituting professional real estate activity conducted in this state will be under the supervision and control of the cooperating Oregon managing principal broker and will comply with all applicable Oregon laws;

"(B) The cooperating Oregon managing principal broker or a real estate licensee, other than a timeshare sales agent, associated with the managing principal broker accompanies the out-ofstate real estate licensee and the client during any property showings or negotiations conducted in this state; and

31 "(C) All property showings and negotiations regarding nonresidential real estate located in this 32 state are conducted under the supervision and control of the cooperating Oregon managing principal 33 broker.

34 "(b) As used in this subsection, 'nonresidential real estate' means real property that is improved 35 or available for improvement by commercial structures or five or more residential dwelling units.

36 "<u>SECTION 17b.</u> If House Bill 2373 becomes law, ORS 696.294, as amended by section 13, chap-37 ter ___, Oregon Laws 2025 (Enrolled House Bill 2373), is amended to read:

"696.294. (1) As used in this section, 'letter opinion' means:

39 "(a) A document that expresses a real estate broker's, principal real estate broker's, managing 40 principal broker's or licensed real estate property manager's conclusion regarding a recommended 41 listing, selling or purchase price or a rental or lease consideration of certain real estate and that 42 results from the licensee's competitive market analysis; or

"(b) A document that expresses a timeshare sales agent's conclusion regarding a recommended
listing, selling or purchase price of a timeshare and that results from the licensee's competitive
market analysis.

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"(2) The Real Estate Commissioner by rule shall specify the minimum contents of a letter opin-1 $\mathbf{2}$ ion, including but not limited to the distinction between a letter opinion and a real estate appraisal.". 3 4 On page 24, after line 34, insert: "SECTION 18a. If House Bill 2373 becomes law, section 14, chapter ___, Oregon Laws 2025 5 (Enrolled House Bill 2373) (amending ORS 696.301), is repealed.". 6 On page 26, after line 36, insert: 7 "SECTION 21a. If House Bill 2373 becomes law, section 21 of this 2025 Act (amending ORS 8 696.310) is repealed and ORS 696.310, as amended by section 15, chapter ___, Oregon Laws 2025 9 (Enrolled House Bill 2373), is amended to read: 10 "696.310. [(1) If two or more principal real estate brokers are associated with the same registered 11 business name, the principal real estate brokers shall:] 12"[(a) Execute one or more written supervisory agreements between them that:] 13(1) Two or more principal real estate brokers may supervise real estate activities of real 14 estate licensees associated with the same registered business name, only if a managing 1516 principal broker and a principal real estate broker: 17"(a) Execute one or more written supervisory agreements between the managing princi-18 pal broker and principal real estate broker that: 19 "(A) [Fully] Allocate all or some of the supervisory control and responsibility for the profes-20sional real estate activities of all real estate [brokers and timeshare sales agents] licensees associ-21ated with the registered business name;

"(B) Include a default allocation of supervisory control and responsibility for any real estate
[brokers and timeshare sales agents] licensees who associate with the registered business name in
the future or who are otherwise omitted from the written supervisory agreement; [and]

"(C) Include any supervisory control and responsibility of [one principal real estate broker] the
 managing principal broker over [another] the principal real estate broker;

"(D) Include any supervisory control and responsibility of one principal real estate broker
over another principal real estate broker in the event that multiple principal real estate
brokers execute supervisory agreements with the managing principal broker;

30 "(E) Include a succession plan that:

"(i) Addresses scenarios where the managing principal broker becomes deceased or in capacitated or the principal managing broker's license becomes inactive, expired or associated with a different registered business name; and

34 "(ii) Describes how supervisory control and responsibility for the registered business 35 name will flow to a remaining principal real estate broker who will assume the managing 36 principal broker role; and

37 "(F) Expressly state that the managing principal broker's responsibility for professional 38 real estate activities of all real estate licensees associated with the registered business name 39 may not be limited by the supervisory agreement;

40 "(b) Update the written supervisory agreement if another principal real estate broker
 41 executes a written supervisory agreement with the managing principal broker; and

42 "[(b)] (c) Update the written supervisory agreement if the disassociation of a principal real es43 tate broker occurs that affects the allocation of supervisory control or responsibility[; and].

44 "[(c) Share equal supervisory control and responsibility for any professional real estate activity
 45 conducted by real estate brokers and timeshare sales agents associated with the registered business

1 name that is not otherwise covered by the written supervisory agreement.]

"(2) If a licensed real estate property manager is associated with the same registered business name as any combination of licensed real estate property managers and principal real estate brokers, the licensed real estate property managers and [*principal real estate*] **managing principal** brokers shall:

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"(a) Execute one or more written supervisory agreements between them that:

"(A) [Fully allocates] Allocate all or some of the supervisory control and responsibility for
management of rental real estate conducted by all [principal real estate brokers] real estate
licensees and licensed real estate property managers associated with the registered business name;
[and]

"(B) [Includes] Include any arrangement for supervisory control and responsibility over the management of rental real estate conducted by the licensed real estate property managers and principal real estate brokers, including opening and maintaining clients' trust accounts under ORS 696.241 and 696.245;

15 "(C) Include any supervisory control and responsibility of one real estate licensee or li-16 censed real estate property manager over another real estate licensee or licensed real estate 17 property manager in the event that multiple supervisory agreements are executed; and

18 "(D) Include a succession plan in the event the real estate licensee or licensed real estate 19 property manager dies or is incapacitated, describing any allocation of supervisory control 20 and responsibility for the registered business name that will flow to the surviving real estate 21 licensees or licensed real estate property managers;

"(b) Update the written supervisory agreement if another licensed real estate property manager or principal real estate broker associates with the registered business name; and

24 "(c) Update the written supervisory agreement if the disassociation of a licensed real estate 25 property manager or principal real estate broker occurs that affects the allocation of supervisory 26 control or responsibility over management of rental real estate.

"(3) Licensed real estate property managers and [*principal real estate*] managing principal brokers who do not exercise administrative or supervisory control over one another are each responsible for their own management of rental real estate.".

30 On page 28, after line 31, insert:

"<u>SECTION 27a.</u> If House Bill 2373 becomes law, section 18, chapter ___, Oregon Laws 2025
 (Enrolled House Bill 2373) (amending ORS 696.710), is repealed.".

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