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Requested by Representative LEVY E

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2089**

On page 1 of the printed bill, line 3, after “ORS” insert “98.352,  
279A.025,”.

Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete pages 2 through 10 and insert:

**“FORECLOSURE NOTICES**

**“SECTION 1.** ORS 312.040 is amended to read:

“312.040. (1)(a) Notice of *[each]* **the** foreclosure proceeding shall be given  
by *[publication and by both certified and regular first class mail as provided  
in this section]* **both of the following means:**

“*[(a)]* **(A)** *[Notice shall be given by]* One publication of the foreclosure list  
in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, to be designated by the  
**governing body of the** county *[court or board of county commissioners]*. The  
price charged by the newspaper shall be at the legal rate as provided by law.  
A copy of the newspaper notice shall be mailed by the county to each in-  
corporated city in the county.

“*[(b)]* **(B)** *[In addition, notice of the foreclosure proceeding shall be sent  
by certified and regular first class mail to the owner or owners]* **Delivery of  
notice to any owners**, as shown in the county deed records, of each prop-  
erty included on the foreclosure list at the address or addresses as reflected  
in the county records under ORS 93.260, 311.555 or 311.560.

1       “(b)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, if it is  
2       deemed expedient, notice of the institution of a foreclosure proceeding  
3       may instead be given by personal service, delivered either orally or in  
4       writing, and confirmed by an affidavit.

5       “(B) The names of the owners that receive notification pursuant to  
6       this paragraph, and the descriptions and other matters relating to  
7       their respective properties, may be excluded from the foreclosure list.

8       “(2) For all notices of foreclosure proceedings, counties shall con-  
9       duct due diligence to locate property owners by means including, but  
10      not limited to, searches of land, court and other records, online data-  
11      bases and other resources.

12      “(3) Each notice of a foreclosure proceeding shall include:

13      “(a) The exact amount of unpaid taxes owed, including interest and  
14      fees.

15      “(b) The following language, in capital letters, in at least 14-point  
16      type:

17      “

18      WARNING: THERE ARE UNPAID TAXES AND FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$\_\_\_\_\_  
19      ON PROPERTY AT (ADDRESS) WHICH YOU MAY OWN OR HAVE A LEGAL INTEREST  
20      IN. THE PROPERTY WILL BE DEEDED TO THE COUNTY AND YOUR INTEREST WILL  
21      BE TERMINATED UNLESS THE BACK TAXES AND FEES ARE PAID. TO MAKE PAY-  
22      MENT, OR TO RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT PAYMENT, CONTACT (TAX  
23      COLLECTOR) IMMEDIATELY AT (ADDRESS), (TELEPHONE NUMBER).

24      IF THE PROPERTY IS DEEDED TO THE COUNTY AS A WAY OF COLLECTING THE  
25      BACK TAXES AND FEES OWED, AND THE PROPERTY IS WORTH MORE THAN YOU  
26      OWE, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A RETURN OF MONEY FROM THE COUNTY. IN ORDER  
27      TO RECEIVE A NOTICE OF A POTENTIAL SURPLUS FROM THE COUNTY, PLEASE  
28      PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH NOTICE OF A CURRENT ADDRESS, AND UPDATE THAT  
29      ADDRESS IF YOU MOVE.

30      THERE ARE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT

1 CAN GIVE YOU INFORMATION ABOUT FORECLOSURE AND HELP YOU DECIDE WHAT  
2 TO DO. FOR GENERAL INFORMATION AT NO COST TO YOU, CONTACT A CERTIFIED  
3 HOUSING COUNSELOR. YOU CAN FIND A HOUSING COUNSELOR NEAR YOU AT  
4 [HTTPS://WWW.HUD.GOV/STATES/OREGON#HOMEOWNERSHIP](https://www.hud.gov/states/oregon#homeownership). YOU MAY ALSO WANT  
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12 “

13 **“(c) At a minimum, the name, requirements and application process**  
14 **of any existing property tax deferral program operated by this state**  
15 **or by any county or municipal government within this state.**

16 **“(d) Information regarding local lawyer referral services, legal aid**  
17 **programs or foreclosure avoidance programs known by the county and**  
18 **operated by local state agencies, the Oregon State Bar or charitable**  
19 **nonprofit organizations that may be able to provide the owner with**  
20 **assistance in the foreclosure process.**

21 **“(e) A referral, in the five most commonly spoken languages in this**  
22 **state other than English listed by the Secretary of State pursuant to**  
23 **ORS 251.167, to the website of the Unclaimed Property program of the**  
24 **State Treasury at <https://unclaimed.oregon.gov> for a translation of the**  
25 **notice into those languages.**

26 **“[(2)] (4) Each notice given under [subsection (1) or (4) of] this section**  
27 **shall identify the particular property or properties that [is] are the subject**  
28 **of the notice.**

29 **“[(3)] (5) All persons owning or claiming to own, or having or claiming**  
30 **to have, any interest in [any] property included in the foreclosure list are**

1 required to take notice of *[such]* **the foreclosure** proceeding and of all steps  
2 *[thereunder]* **under the proceeding.**

3 “*[(4) If it is deemed expedient to do so, notice of the institution of the*  
4 *foreclosure proceeding may be given by personal service. Notice by personal*  
5 *service shall be in lieu of service by publication and certified and regular first*  
6 *class mail required by subsection (1) of this section as to the defendant or de-*  
7 *fendants so served, and it shall not be necessary to include in the publication*  
8 *of the foreclosure list the names of such defendants or the descriptions or other*  
9 *matters relating to their respective properties.]*

10 **“SECTION 2.** ORS 312.125 is amended to read:

11 “312.125. (1)(a) Not less than one year prior to the expiration of the pe-  
12 riod of redemption of any real property ordered sold to the county under a  
13 judgment under ORS 312.100, the tax collector shall provide notice of the  
14 expiration of the period of redemption to any person or entity entitled to  
15 redeem the property under ORS 312.120 (2) whose interest appears in the re-  
16 cords of the county as of the date foreclosure proceedings were instituted.

17 “(b) Any person or entity whose interest has terminated by any means  
18 other than a judgment of foreclosure under ORS 312.120 shall not be entitled  
19 to such notice.

20 “(c) **Counties shall conduct due diligence to locate interested prop-**  
21 **erty owners by means including, but not limited to, searches of land,**  
22 **court and other records, online databases and other resources.**

23 “[*(2) The notice shall contain:*]

24 “(2) **Each notice of the expiration of the period of redemption shall**  
25 **include:**

26 “(a) **The exact amount of unpaid taxes owed, including interest and**  
27 **fees;**

28 “(b) **The following language, in capital letters, in at least 14-point**  
29 **type:**

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3       **IN. THE PROPERTY WILL BE DEEDED TO THE COUNTY AND YOUR INTEREST WILL**  
4       **BE TERMINATED UNLESS THE BACK TAXES AND FEES ARE PAID. THE REDEMPTION**  
5       **PERIOD TO PAY THE BACK TAXES AND FEES AND RETAIN YOUR PROPERTY ENDS**  
6       **ON (DATE). TO MAKE PAYMENT, OR TO RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT**  
7       **PAYMENT, CONTACT (TAX COLLECTOR) IMMEDIATELY AT (ADDRESS), (TELEPHONE**  
8       **NUMBER).**

9       **IF THE PROPERTY IS DEEDED TO THE COUNTY AS A WAY OF COLLECTING THE**  
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27       **“ \_\_\_\_\_**  
28       **“[(a)] (c) The date of the judgment;**  
29       **“[(b)] (d) The date of expiration of the period of redemption;**  
30       **“[(c)] (e) A warning to the effect that the property ordered sold under the**

1 judgment, unless sooner redeemed, will be deeded to the county immediately  
2 on expiration of the period of redemption [*and that every right or interest of*  
3 *any person in the property will be forfeited forever to the county*];

4 “[(d)] (f) A legal description of the property and a tax account number;  
5 [*and*]

6 “[(e)] (g) The name of the owner as it appears on the latest tax roll[.];

7 **“(h) Information regarding an owner’s right to claim a surplus, if**  
8 **any, under sections 3 to 6 and 8 to 10 of this 2025 Act;**

9 **“(i) Information regarding local lawyer referral services, legal aid**  
10 **programs or foreclosure avoidance programs known by the county and**  
11 **operated by local state agencies, the Oregon State Bar or charitable**  
12 **nonprofit organizations that may be able to provide the owner with**  
13 **assistance in the foreclosure process;**

14 **“(j) Information regarding any relief programs including but not**  
15 **limited to exemptions, grants or payment plans that are available to**  
16 **the owner; and**

17 **“(k) A referral, in the five most commonly spoken languages in this**  
18 **state other than English listed by the Secretary of State pursuant to**  
19 **ORS 251.167, to the website of the Unclaimed Property program of the**  
20 **State Treasury at <https://unclaimed.oregon.gov> for a translation of the**  
21 **notice into those languages.**

22 “(3)(a) The notice required [*to be given under subsections (1) and (2) of*]  
23 **under** this section shall be given by both certified mail and by regular first  
24 class mail and subsections (4) and (5) of this section shall apply to both  
25 mailings.

26 **“(b) A copy of the notice shall be posted to the county’s public**  
27 **website.**

28 “(4)(a) If the notice required under [*subsections (1) and (2) of*] this section  
29 is to be given to an owner, the notice shall be addressed to the owner or  
30 owners, as reflected in the county records of deeds, at the true and correct

1 address of the owner as appearing on the instrument of conveyance under  
2 ORS 93.260 or as furnished under ORS 311.555 or as otherwise ascertained  
3 by the tax collector pursuant to ORS 311.560.

4 “(b) If the person or entity to whom the notice is required under sub-  
5 section (1) of this section to be given is a lienholder, or person or entity  
6 other than the owner, having or appearing to have a lien or other interest  
7 in the property, the notice shall be addressed to the lienholder, person or  
8 entity at the address that the tax collector knows or after reasonable inquiry  
9 has reason to believe to be the address at which the lienholder, person or  
10 entity will most likely receive actual notice. For the convenience of the  
11 county, any lien, instrument or other document, memorandum or writing,  
12 filed on or after September 27, 1987, that creates an interest with respect to  
13 which notice is required to be given under this paragraph, shall contain:

14 “(A) The address of the person or entity holding lien or other interest  
15 created by the instrument or other document, memorandum or writing; and

16 “(B) The tax account number, if any, and if known, of the property subject  
17 to the lien or in which the interest is created.

18 “(5) Failure of a lien, instrument or other document, memorandum or  
19 other writing to contain the address and tax account number information  
20 required under subsection (4)(b) of this section does not invalidate the lien,  
21 instrument or other document, memorandum or writing, nor shall the failure  
22 of the writing to contain the information relieve the tax collector of the duty  
23 to obtain and mail the notice required under subsection (4)(b) of this section  
24 to the address that the tax collector believes to be the address at which the  
25 lienholder, person or entity is most likely to receive actual notice.

26 “(6) For purposes of subsection (4)(b) of this section, if the lienholder is  
27 a corporation or a limited partnership, the tax collector shall be considered  
28 to have made reasonable inquiry if the notice is mailed to the registered  
29 agent or last registered office of the corporation or limited partnership, if  
30 any, as shown by the records on file in the office of the Corporation Com-

1 missioner, or if the corporation or limited partnership is not authorized to  
2 transact business in this state, to the principal office or place of business  
3 of the corporation or limited partnership.

4 “(7)(a) As used in this section, ‘records of the county’ means the follow-  
5 ing:

6 “(A) The grantor-grantee indexes.

7 “(B) Other records of deeds, mortgages, powers of attorney, contracts and  
8 other instruments, documents or memorandum of conveyance or otherwise  
9 of real property that are described in ORS 205.130 (1) and (2).

10 “(C) The County Clerk Lien Record described in ORS 205.130 (3).

11 “(D) Records of federal tax liens and other liens, instruments or other  
12 documents or writings reflecting an interest in real property described in  
13 ORS 205.246, if those records are kept separately from the records described  
14 in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

15 “(E) Records of statutory liens on real property described in ORS 87.372.

16 “(F) Any other records of interests in real property required to be kept  
17 by the county clerk, if the records contain a legal description of the property  
18 and an address specifically designated as indicated on the instrument, docu-  
19 ment or other memorandum or writing for purposes of mailing the notice  
20 required by this section.

21 “(b) For purposes of this section [*only*], ‘records of the county’ includes:

22 “(A) The appropriate records of the courts described in ORS 7.010 in the  
23 custody of the clerk of the appropriate court or court administrator under  
24 ORS 7.110; and

25 “(B) Probate records in the custody of the clerk of the appropriate court  
26 or court administrator under ORS 7.230 and 7.240. Notwithstanding any  
27 provision to the contrary in ORS chapter 7 or other law, the clerk of the  
28 appropriate court or the court administrator shall make available to and  
29 assist the tax collector in the examination of the records described in this  
30 paragraph for purposes of carrying out the obligations of the tax collector



1 under this section without charge.

2 **“SECTION 3. Notice of surplus. (1) Within 60 days after the date**  
3 **on which a claim for a surplus could arise under section 9 of this 2025**  
4 **Act, the county shall deliver notice of a surplus to:**

5 **“(a) The claimant at the claimant’s last known address;**

6 **“(b) The Estates Administration Program of the State Treasury;**

7 **“(c) The Department of Revenue;**

8 **“(d) The Department of Justice; and**

9 **“(e) The municipality, if any, in which the property to which the**  
10 **surplus relates is located.**

11 **“(2) Each notice shall include:**

12 **“(a) At the top of the notice in capital letters, in at least 14-point**  
13 **type, the following language:**

14 **“**

15 **NOTICE: YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A REFUND OF MONEY HELD BY THE COUNTY.**  
16 **TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE, CONTACT THE OREGON STATE**  
17 **TREASURY AT (ADDRESS) (PHONE NUMBER). THERE ARE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**  
18 **AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN GIVE YOU INFORMATION ABOUT**  
19 **FORECLOSURE AND HELP YOU DECIDE WHAT TO DO. FOR GENERAL INFORMATION**  
20 **AT NO COST TO YOU, CONTACT A CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELOR. YOU CAN FIND**  
21 **A HOUSING COUNSELOR NEAR YOU AT**  
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30 **“**

1       “(b) The following information in clear and understandable terms:

2       “(A) The amount of the surplus that the county has determined is  
3 owed to the claimant;

4       “(B) An explanation of who may be a claimant;

5       “(C) An explanation of the process by which a claimant may file a  
6 claim under section 9 of this 2025 Act;

7       “(D) The claimant’s right to seek a writ of review of the surplus  
8 from the county circuit court under ORS 34.010 to 34.100 and the  
9 deadline for filing for the writ; and

10       “(E) A referral, in the five most commonly spoken languages in this  
11 state other than English listed by the Secretary of State pursuant to  
12 ORS 251.167, to the website of the Unclaimed Property program of the  
13 State Treasury at <https://unclaimed.oregon.gov> for a translation of the  
14 notice into those languages.

15       “(3) Publication of an available surplus, a description of the prop-  
16 erty to which the surplus relates, the names of the claimants and in-  
17 formation about the process by which a claimant may file a claim  
18 under section 9 of this 2025 Act shall be made available on the websites  
19 of the state and the county in which the property is located.

20       “SECTION 3a. The State Treasury shall make the notices required  
21 under ORS 312.040 and 312.125 and section 3 of this 2025 Act available  
22 to the public on the State Treasury’s Internet website.

23       “SECTION 4. Additional notices. A county shall provide notice to  
24 the Department of Revenue, the Department of Justice and the  
25 municipality, if any, in which the property is located:

26       “(1) That proceedings to foreclose liens for delinquent taxes on the  
27 property have been instituted under ORS 312.050, to be provided on the  
28 date on which the proceedings are instituted; and

29       “(2) That one year remains before the period of redemption for the  
30 property expires under ORS 312.120, to be provided not less than one

1 year prior to the expiration of the period of redemption.

2  
3 **“DEFINITIONS**

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5 **“SECTION 5. Definitions. As used in sections 3 to 6 and 8 to 10 of**  
6 **this 2025 Act:**

7 **“(1)(a) ‘Claimant’ means:**

8 **“(A) The owner of real property as of the date on which the prop-**  
9 **erty was sold to the county on foreclosure for delinquent taxes under**  
10 **ORS 312.100; or**

11 **“(B) The former owner’s estate, heirs, devisees, power of attorney,**  
12 **trustee, guardian, custodian or bankruptcy estate or a successor in**  
13 **interest that has acquired substantially all of the former owner’s as-**  
14 **sets by intestate succession, probate, merger, acquisition, dissolution**  
15 **or takeover.**

16 **“(b) ‘Claimant’ does not include:**

17 **“(A) The creditors or garnishor of a claimant;**

18 **“(B) Other persons holding an interest in the property that was sold**  
19 **to the county; or**

20 **“(C) Voluntary or involuntary assignees of a claimant’s interest in**  
21 **a surplus.**

22 **“(2) ‘Former owner’ means an owner described in subsection**  
23 **(1)(a)(A) of this section.**

24 **“(3) ‘Surplus’ means an amount equal to the value of real property**  
25 **sold to a county on foreclosure under this chapter and disposed of by**  
26 **the county in accordance with section 6 of this 2025 Act less the al-**  
27 **lowable costs to the county as determined under section 8 of this 2025**  
28 **Act.**

29  
30 **“DISPOSITION OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY**

1       **“SECTION 6. Sale, retention or transfer of foreclosed property; de-**  
2 **posit of sale proceeds.** (1)(a)(A) After the expiration of the statutory  
3 redemption period under ORS 312.120 or 312.122, the county may elect  
4 to retain the property for public purposes or transfer title to the  
5 property to a nonprofit organization for purposes of public benefit.

6       **“(B) The county shall procure an appraisal from a licensed ap-**  
7 **praiser that is unaffiliated with the county for property described in**  
8 **this paragraph.**

9       **“(b) Property that the county does not retain or transfer under**  
10 **paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be sold in accordance with sub-**  
11 **sections (2) and (3) of this section.**

12       **“(2)(a) This subsection applies to property that is located in a resi-**  
13 **dential zone and that was the former owner’s primary residence as of**  
14 **the date on which the property was sold to the county on foreclosure**  
15 **for delinquent taxes under ORS 312.100.**

16       **“(b) The county shall list such property for sale with a real estate**  
17 **broker or agent who does not hold an elected or appointed office and**  
18 **is not employed by any government entity.**

19       **“(c) The county shall procure an appraisal from a licensed appraiser**  
20 **that is unaffiliated with the county for property described in this**  
21 **subsection if the real market value of the property as shown on the**  
22 **most recent tax statement exceeds \$250,000.**

23       **“(d) The list price shall be the highest price at which the property**  
24 **is reasonably expected to sell.**

25       **“(3)(a) The county shall conduct a public, high-bid auction for sale**  
26 **of property if:**

27       **“(A) After three attempts, the county is unable to enter into an**  
28 **agreement with a real estate broker or agent for the sale of the prop-**  
29 **erty in accordance with subsection (2)(b) of this section;**

30       **“(B) The real estate broker or agent described in subsection (2)(b)**

1 of this section is unable to sell the property within 12 months after  
2 listing the property; or

3 “(C) The property is not property described in subsection (1)(a)(A)  
4 or (2)(a) of this section.

5 “(b) The property shall be sold to the highest bidder at auction,  
6 provided the bid exceeds the outstanding taxes and allowable costs  
7 owing on the property.

8 “(c) The auction shall include the following:

9 “(A) Advertisements in a multiple listing service for at least 30 days  
10 prior to the date of the auction.

11 “(B) If a private party is engaged to operate and advertise the auc-  
12 tion, a limited fee to the private party in an amount equal to three  
13 percent of the surplus related to the property.

14 “(C) A minimum starting bid of two-thirds of the property’s fair  
15 market value as determined under paragraph (d) of this subsection.

16 “(d) For purposes of this section, the fair market value of the  
17 property shall be, as of the date on which the property was deeded to  
18 the county under ORS 312.200:

19 “(A) The real market value of the property for ad valorem property  
20 tax purposes as shown on the most recent tax statement; or

21 “(B) For property required to be appraised under subsection  
22 (1)(a)(B) or (2)(c) of this section, the appraised value if greater than  
23 the real market value.

24 “(e) The auction may include an online bidding process in which  
25 bids are received electronically over the Internet in real time.

26 “(4) An appraisal conducted for purposes of subsection (1)(a)(B) or  
27 (2)(c) of this section does not require a redetermination of the real  
28 market value, maximum assessed value or assessed value of the prop-  
29 erty for ad valorem property tax purposes.

30 “(5) As provided in ORS 279A.025, the Public Contracting Code does

1 not apply to any agreement that a county enters into with a real es-  
2 tate broker or agent, auctioneer, appraiser or any other person for the  
3 purpose of disposing of property in accordance with this section.

4 “(6) Upon sale of real property foreclosed under this chapter, the  
5 county treasurer shall deposit the gross amount of the sales proceeds  
6 in a separate, interest-bearing account until the amount of the surplus  
7 has been determined. Interest earned on the proceeds in the account  
8 shall be included in the amount to be distributed.

9 **“SECTION 7.** ORS 279A.025 is amended to read:

10 “279A.025. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) to (4) of this section,  
11 the Public Contracting Code applies to all public contracting.

12 “(2) The Public Contracting Code does not apply to:

13 “(a) Contracts between a contracting agency and:

14 “(A) Another contracting agency;

15 “(B) The Oregon Health and Science University;

16 “(C) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;

17 “(D) The Oregon State Bar;

18 “(E) A governmental body of another state;

19 “(F) The federal government;

20 “(G) An American Indian tribe or an agency of an American Indian tribe;

21 “(H) A nation, or a governmental body in a nation, other than the United  
22 States; or

23 “(I) An intergovernmental entity formed between or among:

24 “(i) Governmental bodies of this or another state;

25 “(ii) The federal government;

26 “(iii) An American Indian tribe or an agency of an American Indian tribe;

27 “(iv) A nation other than the United States; or

28 “(v) A governmental body in a nation other than the United States;

29 “(b) Agreements authorized by ORS chapter 190 or by a statute, charter  
30 provision, ordinance or other authority for establishing agreements between

1 or among governmental bodies or agencies or tribal governing bodies or  
2 agencies;

3 “(c) Insurance and service contracts as provided for under ORS 414.115,  
4 414.125, 414.135 and 414.145 for purposes of source selection;

5 “(d) Grants;

6 “(e) Contracts for professional or expert witnesses or consultants to pro-  
7 vide services or testimony relating to existing or potential litigation or legal  
8 matters in which a public body is or may become interested;

9 “(f) Acquisitions or disposals of real property or interest in real property;

10 “(g) Sole-source expenditures when rates are set by law or ordinance for  
11 purposes of source selection;

12 “(h) Contracts for the procurement or distribution of textbooks;

13 “(i) Procurements by a contracting agency from an Oregon Corrections  
14 Enterprises program;

15 “(j) The procurement, transportation, sale or distribution of distilled li-  
16 quor, as defined in ORS 471.001, or the appointment of agents under ORS  
17 471.230 or 471.750 by the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission;

18 “(k) Contracts entered into under ORS chapter 180 between the Attorney  
19 General and private counsel or special legal assistants;

20 “(L) Contracts for the sale of timber from lands that the State Board of  
21 Forestry, the State Forestry Department, the State Parks and Recreation  
22 Commission or the State Parks and Recreation Department owns or manages;

23 “(m) Contracts for activities necessary or convenient for the sale of tim-  
24 ber under paragraph (L) of this subsection, either separately from or in  
25 conjunction with contracts for the sale of timber, including but not limited  
26 to activities such as timber harvesting and sorting, transporting, gravel pit  
27 development or operation, and road construction, maintenance or improve-  
28 ment;

29 “(n) Contracts for forest protection or forest related activities, as de-  
30 scribed in ORS 477.406, by the State Forester or the State Board of Forestry;

1 “(o) Contracts that the Housing and Community Services Department  
2 enters into in exercising the department’s duties prescribed in ORS chapters  
3 456 and 458, or procurements described in ORS 456.625 (19);

4 “(p) Contracts that the State Treasurer enters into in exercising the  
5 powers of that office prescribed in ORS 178.010 to 178.090 and 276A.242 and  
6 ORS chapters 286A, 287A, 289, 293, 294 and 295, including but not limited to  
7 investment contracts and agreements, banking services, clearing house ser-  
8 vices and collateralization agreements, bond documents, certificates of par-  
9 ticipation and other debt repayment agreements, and any associated  
10 contracts, agreements and documents, regardless of whether the obligations  
11 that the contracts, agreements or documents establish are general, special  
12 or limited, except that the State Treasurer’s public contracting for goods and  
13 services is subject to ORS chapter 279B;

14 “(q) Contracts, agreements or other documents entered into, issued or es-  
15 tablished in connection with:

16 “(A) The issuance of obligations, as defined in ORS 286A.100 and  
17 287A.310, of a public body;

18 “(B) Program loans and similar extensions or advances of funds, aid or  
19 assistance that a public body makes to a public or private body for the pur-  
20 pose of carrying out, promoting or sustaining activities or programs author-  
21 ized by law; or

22 “(C) The investment of funds by a public body as authorized by law, and  
23 other financial transactions of a public body that by their character cannot  
24 practically be established under the competitive contractor selection proce-  
25 dures of ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085;

26 “(r) Contracts for employee benefit plans as provided in ORS 243.105 (1),  
27 243.125 (4), 243.221, 243.275, 243.291, 243.303 and 243.565;

28 “(s) Contracts for employee benefit plans as provided in ORS 243.860 to  
29 243.886; [or]

30 “(t) **Any agreement that a county enters into with a real estate**



1 **broker or agent, auctioneer, appraiser or any other person for the**  
2 **purpose of selling property in accordance with section 6 of this 2025**  
3 **Act; or**

4 “[(t)] (u) Any other public contracting of a public body specifically ex-  
5 empted from the code by another provision of law.

6 “(3) The Public Contracting Code does not apply to the contracting ac-  
7 tivities of:

8 “(a) The Oregon State Lottery Commission;

9 “(b) The legislative department;

10 “(c) The judicial department;

11 “(d) Semi-independent state agencies listed in ORS 182.454, except as  
12 provided in ORS 279.835 to 279.855 and 279A.250 to 279A.290;

13 “(e) Oregon Corrections Enterprises;

14 “(f) The Oregon Film and Video Office, except as provided in ORS  
15 279A.100 and 279A.250 to 279A.290;

16 “(g) The Travel Information Council, except as provided in ORS 279A.250  
17 to 279A.290;

18 “(h) The Oregon 529 Savings Network and the Oregon 529 Savings Board;

19 “(i) The Oregon Innovation Council;

20 “(j) The Oregon Utility Notification Center; or

21 “(k) Any other public body specifically exempted from the code by another  
22 provision of law.

23 “(4) ORS 279A.200 to 279A.225 and 279B.050 to 279B.085 do not apply to  
24 contracts made with qualified nonprofit agencies providing employment op-  
25 portunities for individuals with disabilities under ORS 279.835 to 279.855.

## 26 27 **“SURPLUSES**

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29 **“SECTION 8. Determination of surplus. (1) The amount of a surplus**  
30 **shall be determined within 60 days after the date on which the gross**

1 sales proceeds from the sale of the property are deposited in a separate,  
2 interest-bearing account under section 6 (6) of this 2025 Act or  
3 the value of the property has otherwise been determined under sub-  
4 section (2) of this section.

5 “(2) For purposes of determining a surplus, the value of the prop-  
6 erty shall be:

7 “(a) For property retained by the county or transferred to a  
8 nonprofit organization under section 6 (1)(a) of this 2025 Act, the fair  
9 market value of the property as determined under section 6 (3)(d) of  
10 this 2025 Act.

11 “(b) The stated consideration on a deed from the county to a bona  
12 fide purchaser, as defined in ORS 275.088:

13 “(A) For property sold by listing with a real estate broker or agent  
14 under section 6 (2)(b) of this 2025 Act; or

15 “(B) For property sold at auction under section 6 (3) of this 2025  
16 Act.

17 “(c) For property that fails to sell under section 6 (2) or (3) of this  
18 2025 Act, the fair market value as determined under section 6 (3)(d)  
19 of this 2025 Act.

20 “(3) In determining a surplus, the allowable costs that the county  
21 may elect to deduct from the value of the property include:

22 “(a) The amount of the judgment under ORS 312.090 and accruing  
23 post-judgment interest;

24 “(b) The amount of taxes and interest on the taxes that would have  
25 been due following the judgment during the redemption period and  
26 through the earlier of:

27 “(A) The date on which the county sold or conveyed the property  
28 to a third party; or

29 “(B) The date on which the claim is made;

30 “(c) Additional costs that the county may claim under ORS 275.275

1 (1)(a) to (c);

2 “(d) Costs to reimburse the claim of a municipal corporation that  
3 has filed a claim notice under ORS 275.130;

4 “(e) Penalties allowed under ORS 312.990, or the actual costs paid  
5 by the county to mitigate or abate a nuisance, including as described  
6 in ORS 105.555, that was caused or permitted by the negligence or  
7 neglect of the former owner; and

8 “(f) In lieu of the penalty and fee under ORS 312.120, the reasonable  
9 fees of the foreclosure and sale of the property, including the costs of  
10 legal fees, delivering notices, county staff time, court filing fees, ap-  
11 praisals, professional real estate commission and auction fees.

12 “(4) The county shall provide a claimant with an itemized account-  
13 ing of all allowable costs deducted when determining the surplus.

14 “SECTION 9. Claim of surplus. (1) A claimant is entitled to a return  
15 of a surplus, if any, in the amount determined under section 8 of this  
16 2025 Act, as of the date on which the county disposes of the claimant’s  
17 property as described in section 8 (2) of this 2025 Act.

18 “(2) A claim for a surplus must be made with the State Treasurer  
19 in the manner provided by ORS 98.392 and 98.396.

20 “(3)(a) If the estate of a deceased former owner will not be probated,  
21 the State Treasurer shall allow a claim to be made by the heirs,  
22 devisees or a person named as a personal representative in the de-  
23 ceased former owner’s will or an estate administrator appointed by the  
24 State Treasurer.

25 “(b) A claim made under this subsection must include:

26 “(A) A copy of the former owner’s death certificate;

27 “(B) A copy of the former owner’s will, if any;

28 “(C) A statement that the estate is not being probated and that a  
29 small estate affidavit is not being filed for the estate;

30 “(D) The identity of each beneficiary of the claim;

1       “(E) The proportion of the surplus distributable to each beneficiary;  
2   and

3       “(F) Signatures of all beneficiaries of the claim acknowledging their  
4   participation in the claim.

5       “(c) If there are multiple heirs, an heir who has occupied the  
6   property as a primary residence for more than one year is presumed  
7   to have authority to receive the surplus on behalf of all heirs, in the  
8   absence of a written agreement among heirs or objection by a non-  
9   resident heir.

10       “(4) A claimant does not have any interest in a surplus during the  
11   period of redemption or any other time prior to the date on which the  
12   claim arises under subsection (1) of this section.

13       “(5)(a) A person other than a claimant may claim the surplus based  
14   upon a valid lien against the property or a debt of the claimant.

15       “(b) Any purported assignment of a claim to the surplus is void  
16   except for an assignment made for the protection of the interests of  
17   the claimant, including an assignment in a bankruptcy proceeding,  
18   power of attorney or custodianship or guardianship proceedings.

19       “(6) Nothing in sections 3 to 6 and 8 to 10 of this 2025 Act extin-  
20   guishes any debt obligation of a former owner that is outstanding as  
21   of the date on which title to the property is conveyed to the county  
22   under ORS 312.270, other than the property tax amounts that were  
23   extinguished by the conveyance to the county.

24       “SECTION 10. Surplus as unclaimed property. (1) A surplus is un-  
25   claimed property under ORS 98.302 to 98.436.

26       “(2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the  
27   governing body of the county shall file the report, and deliver the  
28   surplus, in the amount determined under section 8 of this 2025 Act, to  
29   the State Treasurer for deposit, as provided in ORS 98.352.

30       “(b) Notwithstanding ORS 98.352 (4), the governing body shall file

1 the report and deliver the surplus within 30 days after the date on  
2 which the surplus is determined.

3 “(3) The report shall include:

4 “(a) The information required under ORS 98.352 (2); and

5 “(b) An itemized accounting of all allowable costs deducted from the  
6 value of the property when determining the surplus under section 8 (3)  
7 of this 2025 Act.

8 “(4) The State Treasurer may adopt rules governing the reports re-  
9 quired under this section.

10 “(5)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, no  
11 person may maintain an action for damages incurred as a result of the  
12 performance of duties or exercise of authority under sections 3 to 6  
13 and 8 to 10 of this 2025 Act by the State Treasurer or the respective  
14 officers, employees or agents of the State Treasurer and the several  
15 counties.

16 “(b) The immunity provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection does  
17 not apply to the liability of any person for damages resulting from  
18 gross negligence, fraud or abuse.

19 “SECTION 11. ORS 98.352 is amended to read:

20 “98.352. (1) A holder of property presumed abandoned under ORS 98.302  
21 to 98.436 and 98.992 shall deliver to the State Treasurer the report described  
22 in subsection (2) of this section and shall pay or deliver to the State Treas-  
23 urer, for deposit in the Unclaimed Property and Estates Fund, all property  
24 presumed abandoned, except that for the following funds the holder is not  
25 required to deliver the funds presumed abandoned to the State Treasurer:

26 “(a) Funds transferred to the General Fund under ORS 293.455 (1)(a).

27 “(b) Funds in the possession of the Child Support Program described in  
28 ORS 180.345.

29 “(c) Funds described in ORS 9.725 (3) or 98.386 (2) that are held in lawyer  
30 trust accounts or in the possession of the Oregon State Bar.

1 “(2) A report must include:

2 “(a) Except with respect to traveler’s checks and money orders, the name,  
3 if known, and address, if known, of each person appearing from the records  
4 of the holder to be the owner of any property of value of \$50 or more pre-  
5 sumed abandoned under ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992;

6 “(b) In case of unclaimed funds of life insurance corporations, the full  
7 name of the insured or annuitant and last-known address according to the  
8 life insurance corporation’s records;

9 “(c) The nature and identifying number, if any, or description of the  
10 property and the amount appearing from the records to be due, except that  
11 items of value under \$50 each may be reported in aggregate;

12 “(d) The date when the property became payable, demandable, or return-  
13 able, and the date of the last transaction with the owner with respect to the  
14 property; and

15 “(e) Other information that the State Treasurer prescribes by rule as  
16 necessary for the administration of ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992.

17 “(3) If the holder of property presumed abandoned is a successor to other  
18 holders or has had a name change while holding the property, the holder  
19 shall file with the report all prior known names and addresses and effective  
20 dates of changes.

21 “(4) **Except as otherwise provided under section 10 (2) of this 2025**  
22 **Act**, the holder shall file the report after October 1, but no later than No-  
23 vember 1, of each year for accounts dormant as of June 30. Upon written  
24 request from any person required to file a report, the State Treasurer may  
25 postpone the reporting date. All records are exempt from public review for  
26 12 months from the time the property is reportable and for 24 months after  
27 the property has been remitted to the State Treasurer. All lists of records  
28 or property held by a government or public authority under ORS 98.336 are  
29 exempt from public review until 24 months after the property is remitted to  
30 the State Treasurer.

1 “(5) If the holder of property presumed abandoned under ORS 98.302 to  
2 98.436 and 98.992 knows the whereabouts of the owner and if the owner’s  
3 claim is not barred by the statute of limitations, the holder shall, before  
4 filing the report, communicate with the owner and take necessary steps to  
5 prevent abandonment from being presumed. The holder shall exercise due  
6 diligence to ascertain the whereabouts of the owner at least 60 days before  
7 filing the report.

8 “(6) If the property presumed abandoned is a lawyer trust account estab-  
9 lished by an attorney or law firm, the report required by this section must  
10 indicate that the account is a lawyer trust account.

11 “(7) The holder shall verify the accuracy of the information contained in  
12 the report. Verification must be executed by a partner if made by a part-  
13 nership, by an officer if made by an unincorporated association or private  
14 corporation and by the chief fiscal officer if made by a public corporation.

## 15 16 **“PROCEDURAL SECTIONS**

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18 **“SECTION 12. Sections 3 to 6 and 8 to 10 of this 2025 Act are added**  
19 **to and made a part of ORS chapter 312.**

20 **“SECTION 13. Applicability to new foreclosures. (1) Sections 3 to 6**  
21 **and 8 to 10 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 98.352,**  
22 **279A.025, 312.040 and 312.125 by sections 1, 2, 7 and 11 of this 2025 Act**  
23 **apply to claims for which the claimant received notice under ORS**  
24 **312.125 on or after May 25, 2023.**

25 **“(2) For claims for a surplus that could arise under section 9 of this**  
26 **2025 Act with respect to which the claimant received notice under ORS**  
27 **312.125 before the effective date of this 2025 Act, the notice of a surplus**  
28 **required under section 3 of this 2025 Act shall be made within 60 days**  
29 **after the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

