

## HB 2952

NOTARY AND RECORDING POLICY CHANGES

## **Support Deed Fraud Protections**

- Multnomah County and the Oregon Association of County Clerks, representing clerks from all the counties across the state, respectfully request the passage of House Bill 2952.
- HB 2952 would give county clerks and recording officers more tools to protect the security of property transactions by making a few changes in statute to help them detect documents that may not be valid. Importantly, the bill would also provide county clerks with the authority to reject a document that appears fraudulent.
- If passed, HB 2952 would add new pieces to the list of required information due at the time of notarization and document recording.
  - At the time of notarization, the notary would have to include information that indicates the type of document being notarized, the number of pages included in the document and the titles of the individuals on the document. These changes can help clerks detect if a notary stamp has been fraudulently applied.
  - Additional information due to record the document would include the names of the notaries and, if available, their commission numbers, as well as the parcel identification numbers.
- This additional information will not be difficult for the impacted parties to include and will provide information critical to helping ensure the documents are authentic and have been notarized accurately.
- Thank you for considering House Bill 2952 and we urge the committee to recommend the bill to the House floor with a "do pass" recommendation.

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