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HB 2951

NOTARY DATABASE FUNDING



Please Help Prevent Deed Theft

- Multnomah County and the Oregon Association of County Clerks respectfully request the passage of HB 2951 this session.
- House Bill 2951 would modernize and enhance the notary process through the creation of an online database that tracks notary transactions statewide.
- Deed fraud is unfortunately on the rise across Oregon. You may have read some of the articles about individuals who have been victims of attempted or successful property theft through the filing of fraudulent documents.
- While the policy changes proposed in HB 2952 are necessary to improve safeguards, HB 2951 would provide clerks and recording officers with a modern tool to verify transactions.
- Working with stakeholders, HB 2951 came together as an idea that we believe would significantly help in the detection and eradication of deed fraud activity.
- The bill requires notaries public to add certain information into the database for each notarial act they perform. The Notarial Acts Database identification number would also have to be added to the list of information on the document being notarized. Clerks can use the database to verify the authenticity of documents that are the subject of transactions.
- We urge you to pass and provide funding for House Bill 2951.

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