

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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| <b>Action:</b>        | Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar |
| <b>Vote:</b>          | 4 - 0 - 1                                     |
| <b>Yeas:</b>          | Beyer, Edwards C., Girod, Riley               |
| <b>Nays:</b>          | 0   |
| <b>Exc.:</b>          | Thatcher                                      |
| <b>Prepared By:</b>   | Patrick Brennan, Administrator                |
| <b>Meeting Dates:</b> | 5/10  |

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Increases maximum value of land that may be authorized for sale by a county from \$5,000 assessed value to \$15,000 real market value.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- \$5,000 ceiling set in 1989
- Properties typically are of low value
- Problems with public auction method

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon law provides for sale of surplus or foreclosed property by counties through public bid. ORS 275.225 provides an exception for property assessed below \$5,000 that is unsuited for construction or placement of a dwelling under current zoning ordinances and building codes. The \$5,000 amount was set in 1989 when the exception was first enacted. A growing number of properties are over the \$5,000 threshold, but do not necessarily warrant public auction. If the property is unsuited for construction, the only likely buyers are adjoining property owners among whom a less formal bidding can be solicited by the county. The public auction requirement is not considered necessary for low-value, unbuildable properties. SB 625-A would increase the threshold to \$15,000.