75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 235 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Boquist

Senate Committee on Senate Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 1/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Raises the limits on the value of an estate that may use the small estate provisions from \$200,000 to \$350,000. Raises the value from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for personal property and \$150,000 to \$250,000 for real property eligible for these provisions. Applies to those who die on or after the effective date of this measure.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Does not impact state inheritance taxes
- Reduce costs of probate

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently ORS 114.515 allows property to pass to a decedent's heirs and devisees without requiring the process of a full probate where the value of the estate does not exceed \$200,000. These provisions can only be used if the value of the property within the estate does not exceed \$50,000 for personal property and \$150,000 for real property.