Senate Bill 382

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Requires lien claimants to send required notice of lien claim only to mortgagees that comply with requirement to record name and address with county clerk.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to notices required for construction lien claimants; creating new provisions; amending ORS 87.005 and 87.018; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

- **SECTION 1.** ORS 87.005 is amended to read:
- 87.005. As used in ORS 87.001 to 87.060 and 87.075 to 87.093:
- (1) "Commencement of the improvement" means the first actual preparation or construction upon the site or the first delivery to the site of materials of such substantial character as to notify interested persons that preparation or construction upon the site has begun or is about to begin.
- (2) "Construction" [includes creation] means creating or making [of] an improvement[, and] or performing an alteration, partial construction [and repairs] or repair [done] in and upon an improvement.
- (3) "Construction agent" [includes] **means** a contractor, architect, builder or other person having charge of construction or preparation.
- (4) "Contractor" means a person [who] that contracts on predetermined terms to be responsible for [the performance of] performing all or part of a job of preparation or construction in accordance with established specifications or plans, retaining control of the means, method and manner of accomplishing the desired result, and [who] that provides:
 - (a) Labor at the site; or
 - (b) Materials, supplies and labor at the site.
- (5) "Improvement" [includes any] means a building, wharf, bridge, ditch, flume, reservoir, well, tunnel, fence, street, sidewalk, machinery, aqueduct [and all] or other [structures and superstructures, whenever it can be made applicable thereto] structure or superstructure.
- (6) "Mortgage of record" means a document with the information required under ORS 205.234 (1)(g) that a mortgagee records with the county clerk of the county within which the property or improvement is located.
 - [(6)] (7) "Mortgagee" means a person [who]:
- (a) Whose name and address appear in a mortgage of record or a trust deed of record in accordance with the provisions of ORS 205.234 (1)(g); and
 - (b) That has a valid subsisting mortgage of record or trust deed of record [securing] that se-

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- 1 cures a loan upon land or an improvement.
 - [(7)] (8) "Original contractor" means a contractor [who] that has a contractual relationship with the owner.
 - [(8)] **(9)** "Owner" means:

- (a) A person [who] **that** is or claims to be the owner in fee or a lesser estate of the land on which preparation or construction is performed;
- (b) A person [who has] **that** entered into a contract [for the] **to** purchase [of] an interest in the land or improvement [thereon] sought to be charged with a lien created under ORS 87.010; or
- (c) A person [to whom] that has a valid [subsisting] lease on land or an improvement [is made,] and [who] that possesses an interest in the land or improvement by reason of [that] the lease.
- [(9)] (10) "Preparation" [includes] means excavating, surveying, landscaping, [demolition and detachment of] demolishing or detaching existing structures[,] or leveling, filling in[, and other preparation of] or otherwise making land ready for construction.
 - [(10)] (11) "Site" means the land on which construction or preparation is performed.
- [(11)] (12) "Subcontractor" means a contractor [who] that has no direct contractual relationship with the owner.
- (13) "Trust deed of record" has the meaning given the term "mortgage of record" in this section.
 - **SECTION 2.** ORS 87.018 is amended to read:
- 87.018. (1) Except as provided in ORS 87.093, all notices required under ORS 87.001 to 87.060 and 87.075 to 87.093 [shall] **must** be in writing and **be** delivered in person or [delivered] by registered or certified mail.
- (2) A notice that must be given under ORS 87.001 to 87.060 and 87.075 to 87.093 to a mortgagee or mortgagee of record must be delivered to the mortgagee or mortgagee of record only if the name and address of the mortgagee or mortgagee of record appear in a mortgage of record or a trust deed of record as required under ORS 205.234 (1)(g).
- SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 87.005 and 87.018 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2011 Act apply to mortgages and trust deeds recorded on or after January 1, 2008.
- SECTION 4. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.