Senate Bill 481

Sponsored by Senator BONAMICI (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Requires notice of trustee's sale to be sent to tenant of grantor in trust deed under certain circumstances.

Includes tenant of grantor as person that may cure default and requires trustee to provide tenant with information necessary to effect cure.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to procedures required for a trustee's sale; creating new provisions; amending ORS 86.740 and 86.753; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 86.740 is amended to read:

- 86.740. (1) Subsequent to recording notice of default as provided in ORS 86.735 and at least 120 days before the day the trustee conducts the sale, notice of the sale [shall] **must** be served pursuant to ORCP 7 D(2) and 7 D(3) or mailed by both first class and certified mail with return receipt requested, to the last-known address of the following persons or [their] **the** legal representatives **of the persons**, if any:
 - (a) The grantor in the trust deed.
- (b) [Any] A successor in interest to the grantor whose interest appears of record, or of whose interest the trustee or the beneficiary has actual notice.
- (c) [Any] A person, including the Department of Revenue or any other state agency, [having] that has a lien or interest subsequent to the trust deed if the lien or interest appears of record or the beneficiary has actual notice of the lien or interest.
- (d) A person that is a tenant of the grantor, if the person notifies the trustee or beneficiary of the existence of a lease or if the trustee or beneficiary has actual notice that the person occupies the property and is or may be a tenant of the grantor.
 - [(d)] (e) [Any] A person [requesting] that requests notice as provided in ORS 86.785.
- (2) A notice served by mail under subsection (1) of this section is effective when the notice is mailed.
- (3)(a) The disability, insanity or death of [any] a person to whom notice of sale must be given under this section does not delay or impair in any way the trustee's right under a trust deed to foreclose under the deed. If the disability, insanity or death occurs [prior to] before the recording of notice of default, the notice [shall] must be given instead to the guardian, the conservator of the estate of the person or the administrator or personal representative of the person, as the case may be, in the manner and by the time set forth in this section.
- (b) If the disability, insanity or death of [any] a person to whom notice of sale must be given under this section occurs on or after the recording of notice of default, the trustee shall, if and when

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the trustee has knowledge of the disability, insanity or death, promptly give the guardian, conservator of the estate or the administrator or personal representative, as the case may be, the notice provided in ORS 86.745. This notice shall be given by first class and certified mail with return receipt requested, to the last-known address of the guardian, conservator or administrator or personal representative.

(c) [In the event] If there is no administrator or personal representative of the estate of the person to whom notice of sale must be given under this section, the notice may be given instead to the heirs at law or devisees of the deceased person in the manner and by the time set forth in this section.

SECTION 2. ORS 86.753 is amended to read:

86.753. (1) [Where] If a trustee has commenced foreclosure of a trust deed by advertisement and sale, the grantor, the grantor's successor in interest to all or any part of the trust property, [any] a beneficiary under a subordinate trust deed, [or any] a person [having] that has a subordinate lien or encumbrance of record on the property or a person that is a tenant of the grantor[,] may cure the default or defaults at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale. If the default consists of [a failure] failing to pay, when due, sums secured by the trust deed, the default may be cured by paying the entire amount due at the time of cure under the terms of the obligation, other than [such] a portion [as] that would not then be due [had] if a [no] default had not occurred. The trustee shall provide a person that is identified in this subsection and that intends to effect a cure with the information necessary to effect the cure including, but not limited to, the sums, costs and expenses due as of the date of the intended cure. Any other default of the trust deed obligation that is capable of being cured may be cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed. In any case, and in addition to paying the sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, the person effecting the cure shall pay to the beneficiary all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's and attorney fees in the amount of:

- (a) A total of \$1,000 for both trustee's fees and attorney fees, or the amount actually charged by the trustee and attorney, whichever is less, if the trust deed is a residential trust deed; or
- (b) Reasonable attorney fees and trustee's fees actually charged by the trustee and attorney if the trust deed is not a residential trust deed. [Any] A person entitled to cure the default may, either before or after reinstatement, request [any] a court of competent jurisdiction to determine the reasonableness of the fee demanded or paid as a condition of reinstatement. The court may award attorney fees to the prevailing party. An action to determine reasonable attorney fees or trustee's fees under this section [shall] does not forestall [any] a sale or affect [its] the validity of a sale.
- (2) After cure of the default under subsection (1) of this section, [all] **the trustee shall dismiss** proceedings under ORS 86.740 to 86.755 [shall be dismissed by the trustee,] and **reinstate** the obligation and trust deed, **which** [shall be reinstated and shall] **will** remain in force [the same] as if [no] **an** acceleration had **not** occurred.

SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 86.740 and 86.753 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2011 Act apply to trustee's sales that are scheduled to occur on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> This 2011 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2011 session of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.