

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Doherty, Johnson, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Richardson, Smith, Thatcher, Vega Pederson, Holvey

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/2, 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Excludes certain appraisals from public records disclosure exemption covering records submitted to a housing authority or urban renewal agency by applicants for loans, grants and tax credits.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Value of transparency in expenditure of public funds
- Uniqueness of individual appraisals
- Only allowing disclosure after completion of sale

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's public records law generally requires disclosure of documents and information held by public entities except where a specific exemption protects that information from disclosure. Existing statute exempts project appraisals and other specified documents submitted by applicants for and recipients of loans, grants and tax credits from disclosure by a housing authority or urban renewal agency.

House Bill 3013 limits the disclosure exemption for project appraisals by excluding appraisals obtained in the course of real estate transactions, but only after the transactions have closed and are concluded.