

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Baertschiger Jr, George, Monnes Anderson, Prozanski, Shields
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires notices of trustee's sale of residential homes to include statement on possibility of methamphetamine manufacturing at home.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Presence of toxic residues in home long after exposure
- Ease of testing and low cost of kits
- Most foreclosed homes sold "as-is" with little opportunity to inspect
- Over 300 known drug labs in Oregon; estimated only 5 percent of labs discovered

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Methamphetamine (meth) is a controlled substance that can be produced from common household chemicals. The process of manufacturing meth produces hazardous wastes that may be found at a site for years after the contamination. The chemicals used to produce meth may cause cancer, brain or nervous system injury, injury to the liver and kidneys, and birth defects. Real property sold at foreclosure is often sold "as is" and places the burden of detecting hazardous conditions on the purchaser.

House Bill 4065-A requires the notice of a trustee's sale of a foreclosed residential home to include a statement cautioning prospective purchasers of the possibility of methamphetamine manufacturing at the property.