

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) from foreclosure mediation process required of traditional lenders, on home loans ODVA administers. Exempts ODVA from foreclosure notice requirements on home loans it administers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Deletes exemption from notice requirements (ORS 86.248 is applicable to ODVA home loans).

BACKGROUND: In Oregon, lenders are required to participate in mediation with borrowers prior to foreclosing on a home. The Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) is considered a lender, because it administers a home loan program for eligible veterans; however, the ODVA home loan program already requires the agency to make every effort to keep veterans in their homes.

Senate Bill 252 exempts ODVA from foreclosure mediation requirements applicable to traditional lenders, in reliance on the agency’s existing mandate to avoid foreclosure.