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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs state agencies to give priority notification to non-profit organizations of lands available for purchase for purposes of affordable housing development.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Proposed -A4 amendment expands application to include Indian tribes as defined by statute and adds exemption for Department of State Lands.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law requires the Department of State Lands, Oregon Department of Transportation and the Department of Administrative Services to sell real property in surplus. Agencies routinely review properties to make this determination and if parcels are not needed, they are offered for sale first to other state agencies, then to local government entities, then to the public. Properties that will be needed in the future are leased until such time as they are needed. The sale and lease of these lands generates millions of dollars in revenue each year that funds a variety of needs such as schools or state highway investments, depending on the agency that sells the land.

House Bill 3524-A requires state agencies selling certain lands to give the first right of refusal to acquire, purchase, exchange or lease the property to non-profit organizations for the development of affordable housing. The property must be within an urban growth boundary, an urban reserve, a rural community, or an urban unincorporated community; not being used for a public purpose; and not needed for public use within five years.

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