Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 953

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER: Sen. Whitsett

**Senate Committee On Education** 

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact Revenue: No Revenue Impact

 Action Date:
 04/17/15

 Action:
 Do Pass.

 Meeting Dates:
 04/14, 04/17

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Gelser, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

Exc: 2 - Baertschiger Jr, Hass

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## WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes process by which future interests in specified properties in Klamath County may be extinguished. Permits existing future interest-holders to retain future interests by recording notice of intention to preserve future interest within six months of effective date of Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Intended sale of Bly school property in Klamath County
- Future interests in property held by out-of-country relatives of original donor of property
- Right of reversion in public sector does not expire
- Inability to contact all out-of-country relatives of original property donor
- Sale of property currently illegal due to inability to contact all out-of-country relatives of original donor
- Local support for sale of property
- Measure narrowly drafted to enable Bly school property transaction, but avoid unintended consequences of property sales elsewhere

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

## **BACKGROUND:**

A future interest is a legal right to the ownership of a property that does not include the right to present possession or use of the property. Senate Bill 953 establishes a process by which future interests in parcels one or two of land partition 12-11 in Klamath County may be terminated. However, the bill provides that persons who currently possess future interests may retain them by recording notice of their intention to preserve their future interest within six months of the effective date of the act.