

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/20/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 04/20

**Vote:**

Yeas: 6 - Evans, Gallegos, Keny-Guyer, Parrish, Piluso, Taylor

Nays: 3 - Buehler, Hayden, Stark

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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:**

- Sale of state land by state agencies
- Availability of land for affordable housing development
- Sale of land to tribal entities

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Modifies language for clarity. Removes erroneous reference to Department of Transportation.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon law requires the Department of State Lands, Oregon Department of Transportation and the Department of Administrative Services 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 things such as schools and state highway investments, depending on the agency that sells the land.

House Bill 3524-A directs state agencies that are selling certain lands to notify non-profit organizations of their availability for the development of affordable housing. The subject 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.