

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Human Services and Housing

****CORRECTED****

MEASURE: HB 2195 A

CARRIER: Rep. Piluso

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/17/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 04/03, 04/17

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Evans, Gallegos, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Parrish, Piluso, Stark, Taylor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires counties with population of 650,000 or less and allows counties with population of 650,000 or more to use proceeds of delinquent tax lien foreclosures for low-income housing, rental assistance and affordable housing development.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Sale of foreclosed homes and properties
- Homelessness in Multnomah County
- Affordable housing

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Allows counties with population of 650,000 or more to use specified funds for housing, rental assistance and affordable housing development. Modifies language for consistency.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, Multnomah County adopted a community housing plan called “A Home for Everyone,” which sets two goals: End all veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 and reduce homelessness by 50 percent within two years. The plan prioritizes serving vulnerable populations including homeless youth, women fleeing domestic violence, families with children, and veterans.

House Bill 2195-A applies to Multnomah County only, and modifies a statute directing all counties to use funds from the sale of foreclosed properties for broad human services efforts. Multnomah County may direct the use of these funds to increase flexible rent assistance, housing stabilization and retention services, and to increase the number of affordable housing units for the target population in the county.