

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/14/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments To The A-Eng Bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 05/07, 05/14

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Multnomah County, after reimbursements are made to county general fund for costs related to management and disposition of real property, to use proceeds acquired specifically by foreclosure of delinquent tax liens or by exchange for land originally acquired by foreclosure of delinquent tax liens, for: housing placement and support of youth and families with children; rental assistance and low income housing. Clarifies that counties' costs to determine boundaries are reimbursable. Makes explicit that Multnomah County may convey foreclosed properties to any governmental body if not needed for public use (ORS 271.330), and properties donated to government units or nonprofits for specified purposes (ORS 311.796).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Requires Multnomah County, after reimbursements are made to county general fund for costs, to use proceeds acquired specifically by foreclosure of delinquent tax liens or by exchange for land originally acquired by foreclosure of delinquent tax liens, for: housing placement and support of youth and families with children; rental assistance and low income housing.

BACKGROUND:

Current law enumerates how counties must use proceeds acquired from the management and disposition of real properties: to reimburse county general fund monies used to pay the cost of back taxes, fees, maintenance, supervision, and to quiet title. After these reimbursements are made, remaining proceeds acquired from the sale and use of real properties – except proceeds acquired by foreclosure of delinquent tax liens or by exchange for land originally acquired by foreclosure of delinquent tax liens – must be credited to the county's general fund.

House Bill 2195-B requires Multnomah County, after reimbursing its general fund costs, to use proceeds from the sale or exchange of foreclosed properties for specified affordable housing purposes, and then credit any remaining proceeds to its general fund. In addition, the measure clarifies that counties' costs to determine boundaries are reimbursable.