

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 06/08/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 06/08

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barnhart, Gilliam, Hoyle, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Wilson

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to transfer ownership of Blue Mountain Recovery Center and Eastern Oregon Training Center property to City of Pendleton. Provides specific property and tax lot information for state-owned property being transferred to City of Pendleton. Requires DAS provide proof that properties are environmentally clean.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impact of closure of Blue Mountain Recovery Center in Pendleton
- Opportunity to reinvest in property and create jobs
- Utilization of property by City of Pendleton
- Demolition and remediation of property

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Blue Mountain Recovery Center (BMRC) was a psychiatric facility in Pendleton that closed March 31, 2014. Built in 1948, BMRC was originally the admission and treatment building of the former Eastern Oregon State Hospital. Most recently, it provided hospital-level care for up to 60 patients who had been committed to the Oregon Health Authority for psychiatric treatment. Following its closure, the remaining BMRC patients have been transferred to the Oregon State Hospital's Portland and Salem campuses.

The closure of BMRC and Eastern Oregon Training Center resulted in a loss of jobs in the City of Pendleton and by transferring ownership of the property, the City of Pendleton will be able to develop the property for the benefit of the community.

Senate Bill 671-A transfers ownership of BMRC and Eastern Oregon Training Center to the City of Pendleton.