

HB 2333 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows state agency that is unable to sell interest in state property after following required process, to continuously offer property for sale using any appropriate means. Directs state agency to repeat the required process when sales efforts are discontinued at least 12 months.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, when a state agency sells real property or equitable interests in real property, it must comply with several statutory requirements including informing the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) of its intent to sell. DAS then notifies other state agencies to determine whether acquiring the real property would be advantageous. After inquiring with other state agencies, DAS extends an opportunity to acquire, purchase, exchange or lease the real property or an interest in it, to nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes and political subdivisions. If DAS determines that the property is not needed for public use, the state or its agency may transfer all or part of its interest in the property for any period not exceeding 99 years, to other buyers. When the state agency attempts to sell the property, it must, at a minimum, provide notice of the proposed sale at least once a week for three weeks by publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county in which the property is located. If the state agency complies with these requirements and does not receive any satisfactory offers, it may sell the property in any appropriate manner, at any time during an 18-month period following the advertised sale date.

House Bill 2333 clarifies that a state agency may offer a property or interest in property for sale continuously, no later than 18 months after complying with the statutory requirements governing same, and must only repeat those requirements when it discontinues its efforts to sell for a period of at least 12 months.