

HB 3242 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies process by which certain state lands are sold. Requires sale or other disposition if land identified as surplus, identified as idle for a period of two years or has not been used for public purpose for two years. Requires sale by auction to highest bidder, irrespective of fair market value, if land not sold within six months.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 270.110 currently requires the state to offer certain lands for sale if the lands are not being used for a public purpose and will not be needed for public use for more than five years. The statute does not require that the sale be completed within any specified time period and ORS 270.100 requires the approval of the Department of Administrative Services before state lands are sold for less than fair market value.

House Bill 3242 requires that these lands be sold if the lands have either been identified as surplus or, for a period of two years, have been identified as idle or otherwise not used for a public purpose. In the event the lands are not sold within six months, House Bill 3242 requires that the lands be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The substantive provisions of House Bill 3242 become operative on January 1, 2020.