

HB 2737 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Sanchez

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Action Date: 02/09/23
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 5-1-1-0
Yeas: 5 - Conrad, Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Tran
Nays: 1 - Hieb
Exc: 1 - Dexter
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 1/31, 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes agencies to transfer, convey, donate, exchange, or lease state real property under agency's purview, or interest in that real property, to eligible Indian tribes, notwithstanding ordinary transfer procedures.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Existing authority to transfer land
- Returning lands to tribal ownership
- Statutory priorities for land transfer

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds authority for state agencies to transfer, convey, donate, exchange or lease an interest in real property to eligible Indian tribes.

BACKGROUND:

State procedures governing the ability of state agencies to transfer real property are governed by ORS Chapter 270. Statute specifies the policy that the State own no more land than is necessary to conduct official business, both now and in the foreseeable future, and provides for the sale or lease of property to private ownership in order to maximize taxable lands. Right of first refusal in purchase or lease of state-owned land goes to: lessees of the land; where intended activity or use is similar to adjacent properties; adjacent landowners; residents within the region; and persons outside the region.

House Bill 2737 A authorizes state agencies to sell, lease, or donate state real property under their purview, or interest in that real property, to eligible Indian tribes. "Eligible Indian tribe" is defined in ORS 307.181 to include the Burns Paiute Tribe; the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon; the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon; the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; the Coquille Indian Tribe; the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians; or the Klamath Tribes.