

HCS HB 2187 -- LANDS ACQUIRED THROUGH SETTLEMENTS (Ross)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources and all other state departments, agencies, or entities to sell at public auction any property interest to land in Oregon County purchased on or before August 28, 2016 through legal settlement funds administered by the Department of Natural Resources. If there is no purchaser, the property will revert to the ownership of Oregon county government. Any condition, restrictions, dedication, covenant, or other encumbrance conveyed with the property is null and void and a new covenant appurtenant is included in the land conveyance stating that the land can not be sold to, leased, or otherwise controlled by a state or federal agency. The substitute also specifies how the proceeds of the sale must be used.

After August 28, 2016, the bill also prohibits the department and all other state departments, agencies, or entities from purchasing property interest in Oregon County. Any taxpayer in the state has standing to enforce these requirements and will be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.

This section expires on August 28, 2017.

This bill contains a severability clause.

This bill is the same as HB 1782 (2016).