

HB 777 -- STATE LANDS ACQUIRED THROUGH LEGAL SETTLEMENTS

SPONSOR: Pogue

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 situated in a county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than 10,000 but fewer than 12,000 inhabitants and with a city of the fourth classification with more than 800 but fewer than 900 inhabitants as the county seat purchased on or before August 28, 2019 through legal settlement funds administered by the Department of Natural Resources. If there is no purchaser, the property will revert to the ownership of the county government.

After August 26, 2019, the bill also prohibits the department and all other state departments, agencies, or entities from purchasing property interest in a county with the description specified in this bill. Any taxpayer in the state has standing to enforce these requirements and will be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.

Currently, this only pertains to Oregon County.

This section will sunset on August 28, 2020.

This bill is similar to HB 1756 (2018).