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The Honorable Phil Barnhart, Co-Chair
The Honorable Vicki Berger, Co-Chair
House Revenue Committee
Salem, Oregon

Re: **HOUSE BILL 2351 – SUPPORT**

Dear Representatives Barnhart and Berger:

I am writing to urge your consideration of, and support for, House Bill 2351. This bill authorizes an increase in the maximum fee collected by counties to \$15 for the Public Land Corner (PLC) Restorations Fund in Oregon. The current maximum fee of \$10 was approved by Benton County, in 1988 and has not been increased since then. The reduced buying power plus diminished collections has already resulted in fewer Public Land Survey Corners that could be reestablished and maintained.

Public Land Corners are the fundamental basis for every land description, boundary survey and subdivision plat in Oregon. When these corners are lost or destroyed, the costs to establish the boundaries for these purposes can be dramatically increased.

The fee collected by Benton County's Public Land Corner Preservation Fund Ordinance is credited only to the fund to establish and maintain all Public Land Survey Corners.

The proposed increase of \$5 would be a great benefit to preserving property boundaries in the State of Oregon and Benton County.

Thank you,

Linda Modrell, Chair
Benton County Commission