

Chair and Committee members,

I live in Cottage Grove in Lane County, the memory of our Commissioners violating the public meeting laws is still fresh!

HB 3513 is a blatant attempt to make meaningless that our public officials can meet privately to discuss other matters besides budget, fiscal or policy matters. By adding 'final' to the definition of “deciding on or deliberating toward a decision” implies that they can meet as long as it is not an organised activity that is deciding on the final decision.

I do not want our public officials to be holding unorganised meetings where certain communication, fact gathering activities or on-site inspections of property or facilities do not constitute governing body deciding on or deliberating toward a final decision.

Facts that are presented to public officials are a part of reaching a decision, this bill makes a mockery of the original bills intent.

Please do not support HB3513, thank you for your time and consideration.

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