


# Crook County Community Development

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To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

From: Aaron Yuma, Building Official 

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Subject: E-Permitting/SB 133

E-permitting is an electronic building permit service program the State Building Codes Division has successfully implemented and partnered with local governments, such as ours, over the past several years. The e-permitting system has helped the efficiency of our department and helped to reduce our budgetary expenses since Crook County implemented the program here in July 2014. Ultimately this helps our customers, the construction trades, and our local economic development. Crook County and many other cities and counties across Oregon are utilizing it and are reliant on its continued viability and support. As users and supporters of this unique state and local government partnership, we strongly encourage the legislature to continue this program.

With this program county governments are able to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection programs and provide services on-line to our customers. We all benefit from the use of a tried and true vendor through the state's program and spend our scarce IT resources on other needs within the county. This is an example of a program that works and we want to continue this effort.

If this bill fails, and the program isn't funded, local building departments will be forced to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to come up with a new permitting software, and then spend thousands more to convert the data from e-permitting to a the new one. Furthermore, our local builders and tradesmen appreciate the e-permitting program for the ability it gives them to apply and obtain permits across jurisdictional lines from a single website.

Thank you for your consideration and we urge you to continue the support of the E-permitting program by passing Senate Bill 133.