



February 5, 2015

To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

Implementing the State's electronic building permit services at the City of Veneta was a high priority after discussions with other jurisdictions that adopted the system several years ago.

In 2014 the City of Veneta implemented the epermitting system and it has increased efficiencies in our permitting process in house, as well as making it more convenient for contractors to submit and pay for permits. With this program we are able to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection program and provide services on-line to our customers, essentially providing services 24/7 without the need for additional staff.

We all benefit from the use of a reliable vendor through the state's program. The state system frees up City IT resources by providing technical support, training, system upgrades and enhancements, and data storage. This is an example of a program that works and we want to continue this effort.

The permitting system is used by many cities and counties across Oregon. As a user and supporter of this unique state and local government partnership, the City strongly encourages the legislature to continue this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kay Bork".

Kay Bork
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City of Veneta