



February 4, 2015

Senator Lee Beyer, Chairman
Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
Salem, Oregon

Re: Senate Bill 133

Dear Sir:

The City of Cottage Grove was one of the first communities to sign on with the State Building Codes Division to implement the electronic building permit program. It is used by local governments and contractors alike. We have found that the statewide website based program that can be used by contractors working in various jurisdictions a valuable tool in delivery of building programs. We have found the program to be stable and uniform which reduces costs for jurisdictions as well as home owners and builders. The City does not have to spend funds on security of an in house system nor do we spend local funds on the maintenance of a system.

With this program city and 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 City. This is an example of a program that works and we want to continue this effort.

The City of Cottage Grove as a user and supporter of this unique state and local government partnership, strongly encourages the legislature to continue this program. If I can provide any further information please contact this office. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Emergency Program Manager

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