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SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION

Senators;

Last year in an attempt to be more efficient Baker City began participating in an e-permitting program through the State Building Code Division. We recognized that with only one inspector and over 3,000 square miles to cover we needed to find every efficiency possible.

We invested several thousand dollars in training and equipment and have been using the system since last summer. Our building inspector is now able to make inspection comments remotely and have those comments available to the contractor via the internet.

We have a number of customers that get building permits without every coming to the office. This is actually a program that seems to be working.

We have severed the relationship with our previous software provider and if this program goes away it will literally cost us thousands of dollars to find new software that will manage our building inspection records.

Our building code program serves a very important mission to the people of Baker County, anything that we can do to make our services more accessible to our customers we should try and do. The continuation of the e-permitting program will be very beneficial to our customers and our employees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully

Mike Kee
Baker City Manager