



CITY OF TROUTDALE

"Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge"

February 4, 2015

To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

Re: Letter of Support for E-Permitting, SB 133

The City of Troutdale strongly endorses the continuation of the e-permitting program. Several years ago, the State Building Codes Division approached local government and contractors with a plan to implement a system of electronic building permit services. Many cities and counties use the permitting system across Oregon. 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



Stephen Winstead, AIA

Building Official