

# JEFFERSON COUNTY

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To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

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. The permitting system is used by many cities and counties 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.

Jefferson County was the first Oregon County to initiate this program and had it not become available we would have had a considerable investment to purchase a comparable program. The initial cost and maintenance of a comparable program would have been devastating to our small jurisdiction. The program has been all that we had expected and we have received good comments from the local contractors on ease of use and permit application process.

Thank you for your consideration.

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