



## Washington County Supports HB 5027

### DLCD Budget

Washington County joins other land use advocates supporting the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) budget request before the Joint Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Natural Resources.

Like many local governments throughout Oregon, Washington County is very familiar with the support services and technical value that DLCD and staff bring to evaluating land use decisions. Arguably Washington County has been at the center of several conversations that have attempted to find solutions and move balanced land use decisions forward. DLCD staff and leadership have been excellent partners throughout our experiences and we know full well that the funding of programs administered by DLCD is very critical for the future.

Washington County may not always agree with decisions reached, but the perspective we can offer is that DLCD is a critically important component of the land use system in place today. Its and incredible undertaking for any local government to maneuver the land use process and although Washington County may have robust resources for planning and technical assistance our decision making process still benefits from an excellent staff and resources available at DLCD. Without it local governments have to pick up the slack and for many it's an area that is constantly difficult to fund.

We are hopeful you can join us and support DLCD budget request. It's important for decisions made today and in the future. We urge the Joint Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Natural Resources support HB 5027.