



OREGON COALITION OF POLICE & SHERIFFS

March 10, 2015

Representative Brian Clem
Chair, House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water
Oregon State Capitol, H-284
Salem, OR 97301

Representative Caddy McKeown
Chair, House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
Oregon State Capitol, H-476
Salem, OR 97301

Re: House Bill 2734 – Support

To Representative Barker and Representative McKeown,

The Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs supports HB 2734, allowing local governments to establish land banks to foster rehabilitation and redevelopment of brownfields.

In every corner of the State, lots are vacant and unused because of environmental contamination – from unused gas stations to large industrial properties. In providing a flexible and innovative way of incentivizing development in areas that have fallen into disrepair, House Bill 2734 helps to create safer and more vibrant communities.

We recognize that one of the best ways to prevent crime is by creating a strong economy and healthy, smartly-developed neighborhoods. For this reason, the Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs is pleased to add our voice to support HB 2734.

Respectfully,

Daryl Turner
President, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs

Cc: House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water
House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development