

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 2645

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Chair Witt and Members of the Committee:

The Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon (PLSO) is a professional association representing the interests of licensed Professional Land Surveyors in Oregon. Surveyors are licensed and regulated by the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering & Land Surveying (OSBEELS). Professional Land Surveyors provide services that locate or relocate property boundaries, as well as providing land use planning services. PLSO has more than 600 members across the state, including both public and private sector professional surveyors. PLSO is affiliated with the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS), which represents surveyors nationally.

In 2020, PLSO testified before this Committee in support of HB4014 and HB4014-A. This year's House Bill 2645, in Section 2, is the exact same language as the A-engrossed bill. We continue to support this change to the statute. The 2020 bill died in the Senate due to issues unrelated to the changes in the A-engrossed version of HB4014-A.

Section 2 of HB2645 provides that lots or parcels whose property lines are relocated by certain judgements remain lawful parcels.

Landowners are often dismayed and confused by the complexity and seemingly contradictory laws surrounding land use and real property. Licensed Professional Land Surveyors work with landowners, real property, and land use attorneys, as well as local planning and surveying officials to reconcile these often-competing forces by advocating for clients in local land use Hearings and as expert or fact witness in Courts of Law.

Professional Land Surveyors support this legislation because it will bring clarity and stability to our cadastral and land use system by removing some of the confusion and contradiction between land use and real property. I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you.



Supporting Oregon's surveying community and the public it serves.

February 3, 2020

The Honorable Brian L. Clem
House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use
900 Court St. NE, H-478
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: HB 4014, Section 2, which provides that lots or parcels whose property lines are relocated by certain judgements remain lawful parcels – Support

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jeremy Sherer and I am Chair of the Board of the Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon (PLSO). I have been surveying since 1992, and a licensed professional land surveyor since 2004, and currently reside in Springfield.

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The Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon support HB 4014, Section 2, which provides that lots or parcels whose property lines are relocated by certain judgements remain lawful parcels.

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HB 4014, Section 2 is common sense. The professional Land Surveyors of Oregon supports this legislation because it will bring clarity and stability to our cadastral and land use system by removing some of the confusion and contradiction between land use and real property.

If you have any questions or require anything additional from us, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy A. Sherer, Chair
Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon