

# PLSO, AOC & OACES SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 2312

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Chair Smith Warner and Members of the Committee:

The Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon (PLSO) is a professional association representing the interests of 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.

The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) represents Oregon's 36 county governments. The Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES) is a professional membership organization for Oregon's County Engineers, Public Works Directors, Road Masters, Surveyors, and other engineering and surveying industry members.

In 2020, PLSO testified in support of HB4014 and HB4014-A. This year's House Bill 2312 is the exact same language as Section 2 of HB4014-A. We continue to support this change to the statute. The 2020 bill passed the House without opposition, but died in the Senate due to issues unrelated to the changes in the A-engrossed version of HB4014-A.

***House Bill 2312 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 of Oregon, Association Oregon Counties, and Oregon Association of County Engineers and 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.

PLSO, AOC, and OACES ask you to move HB2312 to the House floor with a "do pass" recommendation. 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