

**Testimony before the Oregon State House of Representatives Rules Committee  
Hearing on House Bill 2352 – Boring & Dull Day  
February 13, 2013 – 3:00 PM**

Honorable Legislators,

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts and some Boring & Dull history. My name is Steve Bates and it has been said that I am the self appointed Mayor of Boring. While we are not a city, Boring is an unincorporated area on the fringe of the Portland Metro area in rural Clackamas County. Boring has a Citizens/Community Planning Organization known in Clackamas County as a CPO.

I serve as the Chair of the Boring Community Planning Organization.

It all started just about a year ago with an innocent email from Emma, a member of the Dull Women's Book Club in Scotland.

This email asked if Boring, Oregon would consider twinning with Dull, Scotland.

After some deliberations, a Declaration was prepared and shared with the people of Dull by email. They liked it so much, that they proceeded to enlist their elected officials to adopt the pairing of Boring & Dull. They have erected a sign honoring this pairing.

After the news of the adoption in Scotland went around the world with thousands of written news articles, television radio reports on every continent; The Boring Community Planning Organization voted unanimously to adopt the Declaration that Boring, Oregon and Dull, Scotland are paired communities. Boring & Dull, a Pair for the Ages.

Scotland argues that it is Dull & Boring; we maintain it is Boring & Dull.

This attention has attracted tourism and commerce to our section of the State of Oregon. We ask that the State Legislature help us promote our Community and local economy by adopting House Bill 2352.

We are working with Clackamas County and the Oregon Department of Transportation for appropriate signage to match the sign in Scotland.

It has been said that while New York has its Times Square, Boring must have its Boring & Dull sign!

With a name like Boring, we really needed Dull to help us attract attention. Just so you know, we are serious about our joculariry!

The pairing of Boring & Dull is helping us reach for a spirit of community. Shirts, hats and mugs are being sold around the country honoring this pairing. This merchandise is purchased from a local Boring business.

Boring is currently scheduling a Boring to Dull Group Tour to Scotland administered by a Boring Travel Agent.

The Boring, Oregon Foundation is raffling a trip to Dull, Scotland to raise money towards a Boring Community & Senior Center.

We are urging one of our newest businesses, the Boring Brewing Company, to create a recipe and brew a Boring & Dull Scottish Ale.

Plans are in the works for a Boring & Dull Day Community Social in the Park.

Please join with us as we reach for that spirit of community and make every August 9<sup>th</sup> a Boring & Dull day throughout the state of Oregon.

As you can see; this is a big deal for Boring. This is a big deal for Oregon.

What is good for Boring can only help the whole of Oregon!

Please pass this bill on and let Oregon have a Boring & Dull Day every August 9<sup>th</sup>!