Moving Forward... Improving Building Regulations in Rural Oregon

Consumer Protection & Government Efficiency Committee 3/7/13

40 Years of State Building Code Administration in Oregon

1973 SB 73 Created Statewide Code Administration

- Uniform building codes across Oregon
- Single place to resolve issues
- Efficient, predictable construction environment
- Appeal process for controversies arising out of state building code
- Professional standards for building officials and inspectors
- Seven advisory boards reviewing agency's work
- Permit fees fund programs all fees dedicated

Local Administration in Oregon

- 130 City/County building departments
- Local government may assume administration of programs
- State provides services where local government does not
- Local building permit fees are dedicated
- Local governments must use state-certified inspection staff

Total Permit Revenue and Permit Count (FY 2007-2012)



\$80,000,000 \$75,000,000 \$70,000,000 \$65,000,000 \$60,000,000 \$55,000,000 \$50,000,000 \$45,000,000

---Permit Count



41% to 80% Decline 1% to 40% Decline 20% to 1% Growth



8001 to 45,000
501 to 8000
500 to 0

Improving Building Regulation in Rural Oregon

- HB 2698 Highly Trained Workforce
- HB 3326 Smart Codes
 - Recognize unique needs of rural Oregon
 - Shovel-ready drawings/Pre-developed plans
- HB 3144 Market Based Flexibility (county support)
 - Ability to rapidly respond to economic growth
 - Ability to serve local government and essential projects
- HB 2978 Consistent Enforcement Tools

Proposed County Assistance Legislation Impacting State Building Codes

HB 2206 – County Assistance (DAS Bill)

(BCD, Revenue, Veterans, Secretary of State)

- HB 3144 Rapid Response/County Partnerships (Business and Labor Committee bill)
- SB 582 Rural Communities Bill

HB 3144: Rapid Response/Market Based, Flexible State Services

- Opportunity to Create Regional Partnerships
- Flexibility to Respond to Construction Needs
- Better Tools for State to Assist Rural Areas
- Combination of Resources
- New Regional Areas
- Flexibility to Hire Inspection Staff When Needed