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To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

From: Mark Brien, Tillamook County Building Official

I would like to take the opportunity to express our support for the e-Permitting Program. Several years ago, the State Building Codes Division approached Tillamook County and its contractors with a plan to implement a system of electronic building permit services. Tillamook County has been using the system for several months now and the database has been a huge improvement in maintaining our records and has and will continue to increase our efficiency. I have also observed a number of other local cities and counties across Oregon that use this system that favor the program. We would like to encourage the legislature to continue this program.

I should also note that our County greatly appreciates e-Permitting's ability to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection programs as well as provides an online service to our customers. This is a beneficial database through the state's program and it has also began to allow for our IT to utilize their expertise on other needs within our county. This program works and we would like to continue this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

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