I would like to testify in favor of HB 2617. We, at Country Club Condominiums in Portland have gone far too long without any real oversight over what is said at the open board meetings. Some secretaries would put a lot of details in their minutes, and some were only bare bones. Now the management company is taking the minutes, which I'm not sure is in our best interests.

I believe recording the minutes is both much easier and provides a much more accurate account of what goes on at these meetings. And, it's better for the owners who were unable to attend.

There is almost always a few owners who attend who are adamantly opposed to recording, which I don't really understand. If they are planning on saying something so bad it can't be recorded, we'd probably all be better off not hearing it.

Same for the board - if they are afraid something they said could later be used against them, maybe they shouldn't be saying it in the first place.

I don't see any down side to recording the meetings, and I do see a lot of good. Please vote for HB 2617.

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