
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 4063

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Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee:

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

PLSO recognizes and agrees the time and cost of developing housing in Oregon is too long and too expensive. At a time when housing is in short supply, especially middle and lower income housing, stakeholders must work collectively to create processes that match the universally acknowledged urgency.

To that end, PLSO is eager to participate in any workgroup intending to seek successful strategies for a 2023 bill.

However, during a short legislative session a bill of the magnitude of House Bill 4063 is simply beyond what PLSO can support. The Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors has expressed significant concerns, and PLSO joins in their reservations about moving forward.

Specifically, PLSO cannot support HB4063 unless Section (3) subsection(4) is removed from the bill. It reads, “A city’s or county’s determination as to whether conditions of development are substantially complete does not require the plat of a residential subdivision to be recorded.”

Thank you.