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DATE: May 4, 2023
TO: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
FROM: Alex Cuyler, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Manager
RE: SB 3362, relating to validation of unit of land acquired by innocent purchaser

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to testify on HB 3362 A during your public hearing on this measure on May 3, 2023. Lane County offers its support for HB 3362 A. We have reviewed the dash A3 amendment and urge you to adopt that amendment into the measure and move the amended bill to the Senate floor with a do-pass recommendation.

At the end of the hearing, Chair Golden asked that I provide the Committee with additional information regarding changes made to County operations that could ensure a situation such as the one that created the need for this bill does not repeat itself. I offer the following information and am confident the procedures now in place do offer more security than existed in 2011.

- Property description cards are available for public review at the Office of the Lane County Assessor. In 2011, the public had direct access to the physical cards. By 2020, all of these cards have been digitized. The public still has access to the cards, but not direct physical access. Thus, alteration of a property description card by a member of the public is now far more unlikely than it was in 2011.
- The Land Management Division of our Public Works Department is where building permits and other land use permits are processed. The Division no longer accepts uncertified copies of deeds. A certified copy must have the embossed signature of an official from the Office of the County Clerk. That was not the case in 2011, when a simple copy of a deed was sufficient. This change further limits the ability of an unscrupulous applicant from altering a required component of a permit application.

If there are additional questions that the Committee has, please don't hesitate to reach out me.

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