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RE: Support of Oregon House Bill 3175 (2025)

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, and Vice-Chair Lewis:

We, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Oregon House Bill (HB) 3175 (2025). In the past decade, Jackson County has endured significant damage to public land survey corners as a result of fires, land development, agriculture, and timber harvesting. The damage to the public land survey corners has occurred concurrently with a perpetually increased demand for surveying in the County to meet housing needs. While the Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursed Jackson County for the restoration of public land survey corners destroyed by the Almeda and South Obenchain Fires, this demonstrates why dedicated and sufficient funding is necessary to ensure that the public land survey system remains intact and viable. The physical marks of the land ownership system are a component of well-functioning societies and protect the real property rights of our citizens.

Currently, Oregon Revised Statute 203.148 places a limit of \$10 per document on the recording fee that supports public land corner preservation. The fee has been capped since its inception in 1986, and restricts the ability of counties to have local control and set fees as determined by the needs of each county. Repealing this fee restriction is essential for each county to be able to determine and meet its evolving needs.

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We strongly support HB 3175 and the removal of the \$10 per document limit on the recording fee, which is essential to long-term funding for the County Surveyor's duties in the public land survey system.

Sincerely,

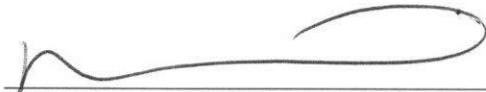
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