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RE: Malheur County Urges Support for House Bill 3175

Public Land Corner Preservation Program Modernization

TO: Chair Tran,

Vice-Chairs Grayber and Lewis,

Members of the House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government,

and Veterans

Malheur County has 9,926 square miles which gives Malheur County tens of thousands of monuments to track, maintain, repair, and replace.

Public Land Corner Preservation (PLCP) Funds in Malheur County by the county surveyor is strictly used in the establishment, reestablishment, and maintenance of controlling property corners in the county as is the law.

Malheur County's small population relative to its size provides limited funding from document recording fees to capture the needs of preserving all of the county's Public Land Corners.

House Bill 3175 removes the cap on document recording fees for the PLCP Fund, allowing counties to establish fees based on local needs. An adequately funded corner program benefits all Oregonians and furthers the legislature's policy goals related to housing and emergency management.

Malheur County Urges Support for House Bill 3175, Public Land Corner Preservation Program Modernization

Sincerely.

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