
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 3175

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Chair Manning 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 a wide range of services which include location of property boundaries, land use planning, topographic design surveys, construction layout services and more. PLSO has approximately 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 supports House Bill 3175 without amendments.

Surveying corners are the bedrock of America's system of private property ownership. They are indispensable to determining property lines.

Current state statutes artificially restrict counties from charging sufficient fees to maintain property corners. With passage of HB3175, locally elected county commissioners will be able to work with their local voters, developers, and surveyors to determine an appropriate fee based on local needs.

We appreciate the work done on this issue by the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES), an affiliate member of the Association of Oregon Counties.

Please support Public Land Corner Preservation Funds and the local control needed to generate sufficient funding on a county-by-county basis. Thank you.