



HB 2658 –Public Improvement Project Cost-Shifting Prevention Act

Problem

Some local governments are unfairly burdening permit applicants by requiring them to complete and pay for public improvements that are already slated to be completed and paid for by a public body.

Example – [Portland put costly corner improvements on business owner despite upcoming state project \(KATU\)](#)

Importance

To put it simply, this is an issue of basic fairness. No person should have to pick up the burden of conducting and paying for a public improvement project that is already slated to be completed and paid for merely because the person submitted a permit application.

Solution

Prohibit local governments from conditioning a permit or zone change for a single lot or parcel on the applicant funding, implementing, creating, repairing, renovating or installing any public project for which the local government or other public body has already

- (A) Appropriated, dedicated or raised funds;
- (B) Approved plans by someone other than the applicant; or
- (C) Initiated procurement.

HB 2658 *does not* prevent local governments from requiring permit applicants to pay for the impacts of their development.

HB 2658 does not apply to subdivisions or other developments where a developer is applying for a permit or zone change related to multiple lots or parcels.

HB 2658 provides a delayed operative date for cities and counties with populations of less than 15,000.

Benefits

- Ensures fairness towards permit applicants.
- Ensures lower gross costs for public improvement projects.
- Ensures timely completion of planned public projects.
- Decreases public distrust of and disaffection with local governments.

Vote YES on HB 2658 to bring basic fairness to permit applicants