

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Re: Senate Bill 1545

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important issue. My name is Craig Kilpatrick. I am a 42+ year resident of Crook County and worked in Central Oregon a Land Use Consultant for more than 25 years. I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 1545. My background and training started in Architecture and Planning with some ranching thrown in for good measure. In my work with farmers and ranchers in the region I have heard many stories on the problems of "Corner Crossing."

My primary concerns are for my many clients who deal with this issue far too often. Poaching, trespass, theft, and property damage are among the many problems private property and the owners of public lands, the public, encounter in the private-public "checkerboard" parts of the State.

Years ago, in Crook County we had a very wise County Judge who told his constituents that if "they bitched, they served." I complained about some County Road policies and was rewarded with the opportunity to serve on a roads committee for about 15 months and it was time well served. So, I write in opposition but offer a solution in lieu of service. I suggest amending the SB 1545 to include provisions that would also protect the land owner from liability with an opportunity to redress grievances and to have an expedited means of sharing the burden of the cost of cleaning up after the public who so badly want unfettered access.

Just a little fairness to help deal with the damages brought on by the bad actors. And if you run short of volunteers, I would be honored to serve on a rules advisory committee on administrative rules for this bill.

Thank you for your consideration,

Craig Kilpatrick.

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