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## **Position on Bills at 2026 Session of Oregon Legislature:**

### **SB 1552: Support**



The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) is a coalition of over 75 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

COIN supports SB 1552, which would require a county clerk to notify the property owner, if someone has filed a document to change title to a property. There are exemptions for:

- financial institution described in ORS 205.460 (7);
- insurer with a certificate of authority to transact title insurance in this state;
- licensee or associate licensee of the Oregon State Bar authorized to practice real estate law in this state; or
- employee or agent presenting the instrument on behalf of a person described above.

We believe that SB 1552 is the minimum that should be done. Title theft is a growing problem. County clerks should be required to notify property owners in advance of accepting documents that change title. Such documents should not be effective until expiration of a waiting period. And we hesitate to allow any Oregon attorney to bypass the requirement.

Other states and counties already have similar systems to protect against title theft:

Criminalization & penalties: Oklahoma, Texas, New York

Civil remedies & procedural protections: Illinois, Georgia

Recording requirements / identity checks: Georgia, Maryland, multiple states with ID rules for filings

County-level notifications: available in parts of Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Utah, and various counties nationwide.

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