



## 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**