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Senator Lee Beyer, Chair
Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
900 Court St. NE, S-419
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support Senate Bill 534

Dear Senator Beyer:

**CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE
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John Lattimer

The Marion County Board of Commissioners supports Senate Bill 534, allowing airports and cities to enter into an agreement for sewer and water services. SB 534 would allow Aurora Airport in Marion County to connect to the water and sewer services necessary for its continued success as a regionally significant employer. Wells at the airport have, at times, been insufficient to provide the water necessary for businesses located at the airport. Also, septic systems are difficult to locate at the airport due to soil conditions. The provision of water and sewer service from the City of Aurora would address these deficiencies in rural services.

While the provision of urban facilities is allowed by state law under certain circumstances, it is a difficult and long process for the city, the county, and property owners. SB 534 promises a simpler, more streamlined process that the city and the airport would be involved in without requiring county approval of the extension of services. We support this approach for airports in the State of Oregon.

We urge your support of SB 534 and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Carlson, Chair
Commissioner

Kevin Cameron, Vice Chair
Commissioner

Sam Brentano
Commissioner

cc: Marion County Legislative Delegation