

SB 534

Chair Clem and members of the Committee,

My name is Tony Holt and I live in Wilsonville

I am sure we all realize by now that this bill is not about getting water and sewer to airports. It's about avoiding annexation or municipal governance. If you are going to support it, then surrounding cities, citizens and taxpayers need some protection.

I have some familiarity with the Aurora Airport, which seems to be the main target of the bill..

I happen to be a community member of the Positive Aurora Airport Management Committee (PAAM). That's an Aurora Airport users committee that meets once per month to discuss Airport issues.

Also, I was a member of the Policy Advisory Committee for the last Master Plan update for the Aurora Airport in 2010. After much debate by the Committee, the Oregon Department of Aviation recommended that a runway extension NOT be included in the Master Plan.

That decision was quickly reversed, presumably by the Aviation Board, without any municipal or community involvement, and a 1000 foot runway extension to the south is now in the Plan for 2020. If such development goes ahead, it will take many acres of prime agricultural land out of production, to achieve the extension and to accommodate ancillary development.

And another problem--you may know that Marion County, ODA and the City of Aurora have an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to consult on Aurora Airport development. That IGA includes an Airport impact map. It's hard to believe, but the northern edge of the impact area is shown as being the northern fence of the Airport facility!! It also happens to be the County line between Marion & Clackamas. No impact north of the Airport boundary—that's crazy!

I live in Wilsonville, and the southern boundary of my neighborhood is less than 2 miles from the Airport. According to the IGA, neither Clackamas County nor the City of Wilsonville is impacted by the Airport. So they are not consulted and not allowed to be parties to the IGA. Given the numerous over-flights of my house daily, that's ridiculous.

If you plan to support this bill, all of these factors I've mentioned point to the need for your support also for the proposed amendments to this bill. They are:

- 1) Prevent the sprawl of the Aurora Airport onto surrounding 'foundation farmland'.
- 2) Protect taxpayers from being forced to pay for services for the Airport. Charge the corporations that use it.
- 3) Require that development decisions at Aurora Airport involve ALL cities within a 3 mile radius of the Airport.

Please support these necessary amendments as part of the bill.

Thank you.