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Representative Barnhart, Chair
House Committee on Revenue
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Re: **HB 2075**

Dear Chair Barnhart,

The City of Bend supports HB 2075.

HB 2075 will provide both a funding source and support for the Oregon Department of Aviation that will enable the Bend Municipal Airport to effectively serve our customers, draw new aviation related businesses to our area and keep Oregon airport based companies in Oregon.

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The Bend Municipal Airport is owned and operated by the City of Bend. It currently provides jobs for nearly 300 local residents with a payroll of over \$12,000,000, based on statistics provided by the Oregon Employment Department*.

The Bend Airport has 249 based aircraft and 137,513 estimated operations per year. By 2020 those operations are forecast to reach 158,450** creating even more jobs and opportunities for new businesses.

The Oregon Department of Aviation provides staff support and administers several programs, such as the Pavement Maintenance Program and CIP coordination with the FAA that are critical to our continued success.

Although the Bend Airport currently breaks even regarding operating costs there are few funding sources to either match FAA funds or to perform other than routine maintenance. The funding that would become available through HB 2075 would significantly benefit the Bend Airport and the City of Bend.

Sincerely,

Eric King
Bend City Manager

*2013/14 numbers from OR Employment Dept, QCEW. 2014/15-2016/17

**Air Traffic Memorandum, Bend Municipal Airport, 2014 Helicopter Landing Area Environmental Assessment
Bend Municipal Airport Air Traffic Memo D. Miller 08/12/14