

House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/26/15
Action: Do Pass.
Meeting Dates: 05/12, 05/26

Vote:
Yeas: 6 - Clem, Gilliam, Helm, McLane, Post, Witt
Exc: 1 - Gomberg

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes city and airport to enter into agreement pursuant to which the city provides sewer and water service to airport without requiring annexation, or consent to eventual annexation, to city of territory where airport is located. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of permissive language in legislation
- Ability to still require annexation from areas that receive services

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's airport network consists of 97 public-use airports, including 15 privately-owned public use airports. Rural airports are currently defined in ORS 836.640 as principally serving a city with a population of 75,000 or fewer residents. Some of these rural airports have the potential to provide economic development and job growth, but lack the funds to cover infrastructure upgrades that might attract business or industry. One of the airports where this challenge exists is the Aurora State Airport.

Senate Bill 534 would allow a city to provide water and sewer services to rural airports without annexing airport property.