

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 07/01/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 07/01

**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Gilliam, Hoyle, Kennemer, McLane, Wilson

Nays: 4 - Barnhart, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes city and airport to enter into agreement pursuant to which 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:**

- Use of municipal water and sewer by airport
- Ability of cities to contract with airports to provide services
- Neutrality of Department of Land Conservation and Development

**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.