

February 17, 2017

The Honorable Lee Beyer, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation:

Dear Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee:

I write regarding SB 128, which would substantially alter the governance and financial stability of two airports within the Port of Portland system. Because of the success of Portland International Airport (PDX), routinely rated as the best airport in the country, the smaller airports within the system benefit from enhanced financial viability, due to the revenue generated from PDX's parking and concessions. Maintaining this longstanding relationship is important to the Troutdale Airport in particular, because past financial viability has been tenuous.

The City of Gresham has had a longstanding exceptional relationship with the Port of Portland, in particular as it relates to economic development. Not only is the Port a key partner in the state and region's movement of goods, but it is also a direct partner in the Gresham Vista Industrial Park, which is home to 300 acres of state-certified, shovel-ready industrial lands, and most recently to Subaru of America's Master Distribution Center. We have found the Port to be an exceptional partner, always attentive to our input and needs, and very responsive to our local voice.

Sincerely,



Eric Chambers
Government Relations Director