

**SB 128 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and Transportation**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 2/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes the Hillsboro Airport Authority and the Troutdale Airport Authority as divisions of the Port of Portland. Specifies that the two authorities operate independently of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland and have exclusive right to exercise all power and authority of the Port of Portland with respect to the Hillsboro and Troutdale airports. Provides that each airport authority consists of nine members elected from the county in which the airport is located.

NOTE: MEASURE HAS A SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Port of Portland owns and operates three airports in the Portland metropolitan region: Portland International Airport, on the Columbia River 12 miles northeast of downtown Portland; Hillsboro Airport, west of Portland and in the north-central area of the City of Hillsboro; and the Troutdale Airport, located in Troutdale directly east of downtown Portland.

The Hillsboro Airport was established in 1928 by Elmer Smith and later purchased by the City of Hillsboro in the early 1930s. The city officially requested that the Port of Portland take ownership of the Hillsboro Airport in 1964, a deal that was finalized the next year. The airport consists of three runways (6,600 feet, 3,821 feet and 3,600 feet) and a control tower and is Oregon's second-busiest airport.

The Troutdale Airport was purchased by the Port of Portland in 1942. It currently consists of a single runway of 5,399 feet and control tower and covers an area of 284 acres.