

Chair Beyer and members of the committee

I am Anna Pavlova

I live in Hillsboro, Oregon.

I am providing written testimony in support of SB189, as a private citizen.

I support SB189, as it is necessary to ensure proper prioritization of public funds.

Less than 2 years ago, Hillsboro International Airport completed a 3rd runway, essentially allowing it more convenience. Meanwhile, we have many streets within 3 miles of the airport that have no sidewalks, making it necessary for pedestrians to risk their safety (and perhaps lives!) to walk from their house to schools, public transit, and various local businesses. We pay taxes that allow those with private and corporate jets (and, presumably funds to afford those) to have better access and convenience to where they would like to go, meanwhile, the most vulnerable members of our society - pedestrians, children, the elderly, the poor, and the disabled are left to fend for themselves on streets with no sidewalks or sidewalks that end abruptly on one side of the street and start on the other without a safe street crossing available, including a curvy, poorly maintained bridge that has recently become "one way" for cars due to safety issues.

It is time to take a hard look at whether airport subsidies could be better spent on other priorities. Please support SB189.

Regards,

Anna Pavlova