

Dear Chair McLain and members of the House Transportation Policy Committee,

My name is Mary A. Schu with Mary Schu Aviation. I'm writing to ask for your support of HB 4092 for at least the following reasons.

1. A 6,000' runway has been in the KUAO master plan since 1976 and reaffirmed again in 2013 master plan – years of public process go into master plan
2. HB 4092 will not take farm land out of production
3. Economic benefits of runway extension to your business or local economy – “constrained operations” hurt commerce
4. Safety benefits of runway extension – short runway not optimal for safety
5. Emergency preparedness benefits of KUAO – need a fully functional airport in event of emergency

As a flight instructor and designated pilot examiner, the safety of the operations I engage in would be enhanced by a longer runway. Additionally, I fly WWII Bombers that would benefit from more runway being available, particularly in the summer when it is hot.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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