

**WILSONVILLE**  
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
*A South Metro Business Advocate*

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Representative Susan McLain  
Chair, Transportation Policy Committee  
900 Court St. NE, H477  
Salem, OR 97301

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

The Wilsonville Area Chamber of Commerce sees the Aurora Airport as a vital contributor to the businesses of Wilsonville and the South Metropolitan region, and for that reason, our Chamber expresses its support for HB 4092.

In addition to the fact that most of the businesses at the airport are members of Wilsonville's Chamber, a good number of businesses located in the City of Wilsonville, and other members of our Chamber, rely upon Aurora Airport for the storage or operation of corporate aircraft or for transportation to and from the region. The change that would come from HB 4092 can open the door for a runway extension that has been planned for the airport for some time, which only stands to benefit numerous businesses in the South Metropolitan region who rely upon Aurora Airport as a safe and efficient transportation option.

Even more, the legislation opens the door for the operation of a safer and more efficient airport. While one of the busiest airports Oregon, Aurora Airport operates one of the shortest runways for an airport of its size. The community of Wilsonville will benefit with the increased safety that comes from a runway at Aurora Airport that is commensurate with its size and importance to the region.

Our Chamber also recognizes the significant economic impact that the Aurora Airport has for Wilsonville's businesses, and those of the South Metropolitan region. Economic studies have shown that numerous employees in and around the Aurora Airport live, shop, and play in the City of Wilsonville. Aurora Airport also drives those who do not live in the region to stay in Wilsonville hotels, eat at Wilsonville restaurants, and patronize numerous Wilsonville businesses. A safe and economically healthy Aurora Airport benefits businesses throughout the region, and particularly those in the City of Wilsonville.

We thank you for your consideration and support of this important legislation, HB 4092.

Sincerely yours,



Kyle Bunch, Board Chair

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