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

**Re: Support for HB 4092**

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

I am writing to you all in asking to support HB 4092.

Our company utilizes a turbine powered aircraft based at the Aurora State Airport that serves both business and charitable purposes throughout the Pacific Northwest. We chose to base our aircraft at the Aurora State Airport back in 2011 after purchasing it because the airport had good access to our family owned companies along the I5 corridor and well as easy access to Downtown Portland. Lately, we have been contemplating a larger aircraft as our business needs have grown, and unfortunately the runway length now at Aurora will not allow us to move up to a larger airplane without having to move our flight operations to PDX or Hillsboro. We would like to stay at Aurora and support the community there but we fear if the runway is not lengthened to the proposed 6,000' as outlined in the 2013 Master Plan, we will not be the only flight department that will have to move operations off field. I know of many Portland Metro Area flight departments that have chosen not to base their operations at Aurora because of the short runway. The current 5,000' runway length is the single most growth-constraining long term problem that the airport faces, in my opinion.

I ask you all to support HB 4092 as it will help ensure a prosperous future not only for the Aurora State Airport, but also for the countless businesses and communities that rely on it.

Sincerely,

John Maletis

Chief Pilot  
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