

Dear Chair McLain, House Transportation Policy Committee:

I am sending you this letter to express my concern about, and opposition to, House Bill 4092, proposed by Silverton area representative Rick Lewis. While I am convinced that the long-term intent of this bill is to allow for a runway extension at the Aurora State Airport, my immediate concern is that the bill is a blatant attempt to circumvent Oregon's land use planning process. This bill is an obvious attempt to covertly acquire Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) property in order to make it possible for business interests to "save time and money," words I heard in a face-to-face meeting with one of the bill's proponents.

Admittedly, I oppose any runway extension at the Aurora State Airport, but if such an extension is in our future, let it be done with transparency and public involvement, not through "back-door" attempts to enrich those special interests who would benefit most.

Please, do not support this bill. It avoids input from local communities already experiencing noise pollution from overhead flights and constant traffic congestion with no end in sight.

Respectfully,

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