

Chair McLain and Members of the Committee:

Wilsonville Mayor Tim Knapp will be presenting the position of the Wilsonville City Council which I fully support, but I want to express my concerns both as a Wilsonville City Councilor and as an individual.

As a city councilor, a mayor, a county commissioner, former chair of MPAC, and as a member of the CORE 4 that led the establishment of the urban and rural reserves for Metro, I have worked with the Oregon Land Use program for more than 25 years. At every level I have found the best land use outcomes arise from an open and inclusive process where all stakeholders have opportunities to raise concerns and all the parties can work through issues. That is why Goal #1 of Oregon's land use planning goals is Citizen Involvement.

HB 4092 is an attempt to use the State legislature to circumvent citizen involvement and the local decision making process. It is unfair to citizens, to impacted jurisdictions, and to the State legislature to expect them to make land use decisions on issues that have not been adequately vetted at the local level.

Ongoing development and expansion at the Aurora Airport, outside of any municipal governance, raises multiple issues of local transportation impacts, impacts on EFU lands, considerations for sewer, water, storm water, and other issues.

We need an open, deliberative process that gives all interested parties an opportunity to raise concerns and find common ground that can work going forward. Piecemeal decisions, made outside the established process, especially in a short session of the legislature undermine local involvement and rarely lead to the best decisions.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Lehan  
Wilsonville City Councilor