

February 6, 2018

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

Re; Request of support for HB 4092

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

This letter is in support of HB 4092 which provides procedures for ensuring safety of runways at state airports for aircraft. We recognize that this bill is intended initially to provide for the extending of the Aurora Airport runway, which has been in the works on county and FAA plans for many years.

It is important to recognize that Aurora Airport is of major service to the state, county, and local businesses. It is a unique airport, in that it is one that has grown especially through a public-private partnership. Many airports this size do not so clearly support their communities because much of their properties and facilities are non-taxable. In the case of Aurora Airport, where much of the property is privately owned, this has resulted in a great ability to use normal private facility financing that directly integrates with private industry needs for the development of jobs and services. This has the result of creating major public funding and support for the local communities in the form of taxes.

The attached graphs show that:

- The current tax base at the airport is \$142,763,000.
- The current annual tax payments from the airport are \$1,044,000 toward public facilities.
- Over the past 28 years the airport has provided over \$28,000,000 in tax support to the county for public services, schools, fire department, and community college needs.

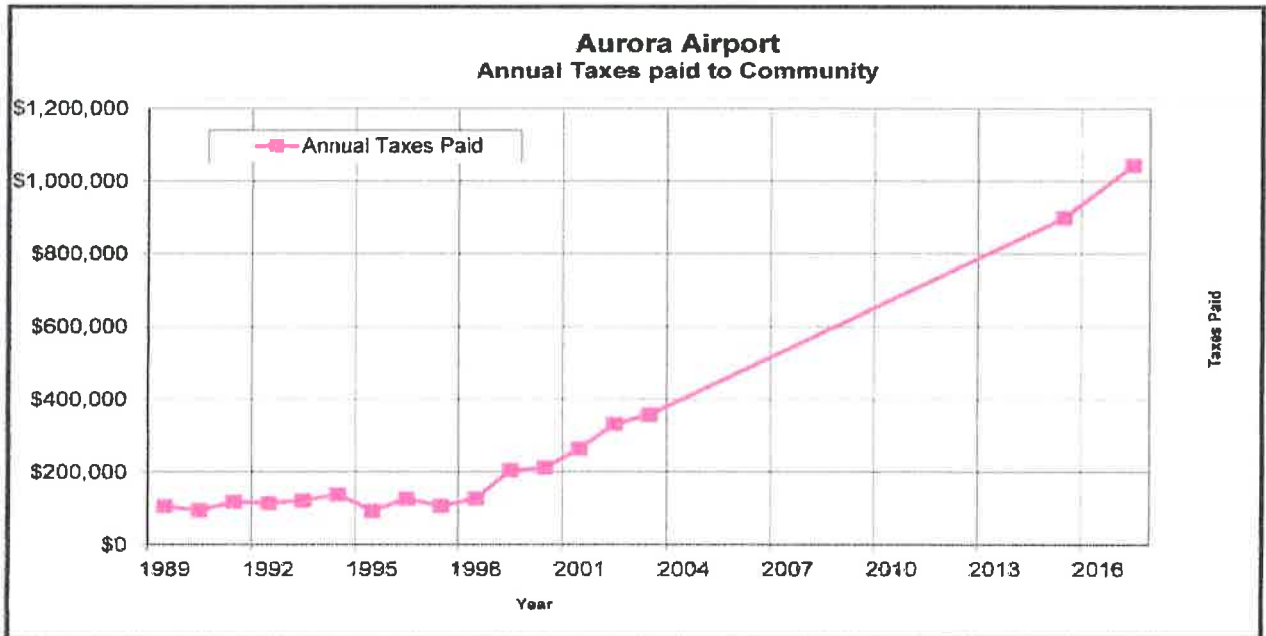
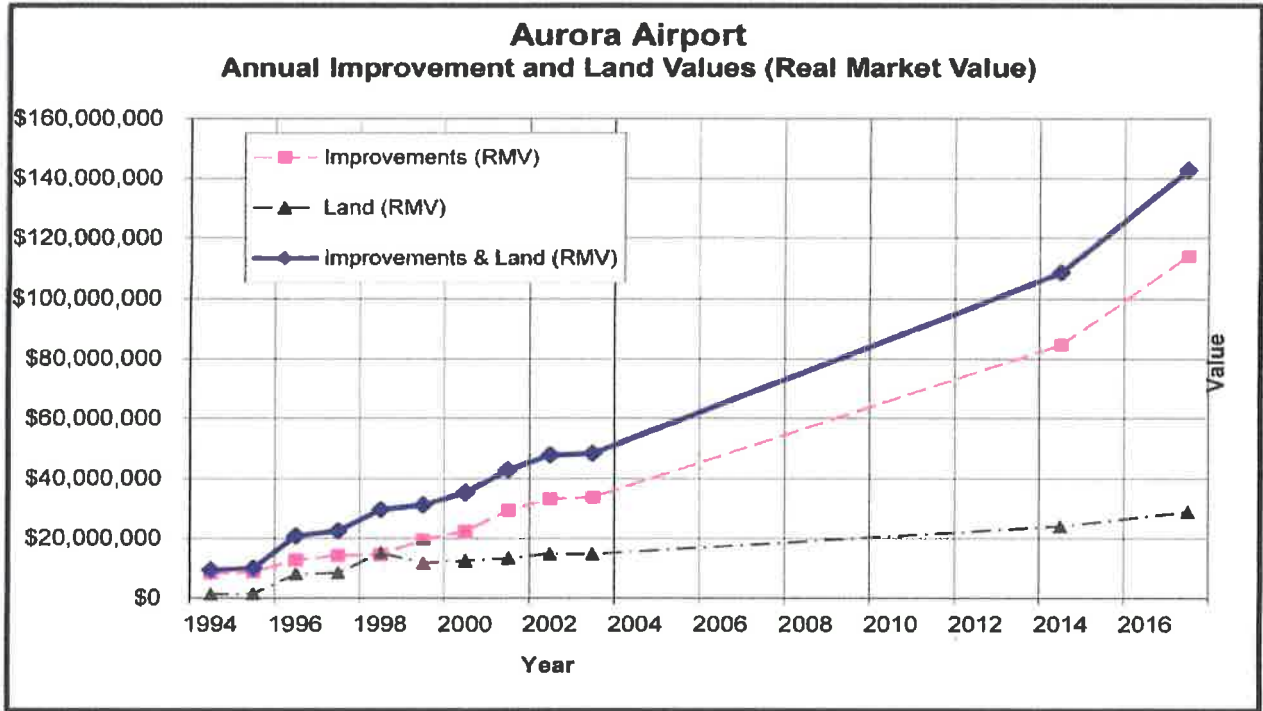
The airport is providing many high wage, family jobs. However, its runway is not of a sufficient length to meet FAA safety standards. This bill will allow Aurora Airport to maintain reasonable safety standards at this economically important local airport.

Respectfully,

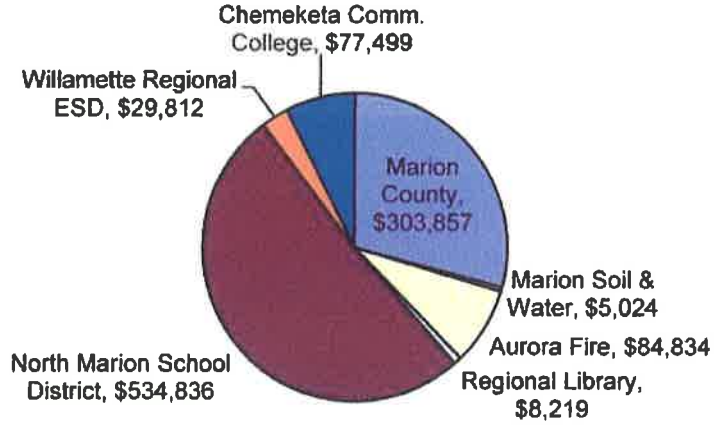
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Aurora Airport approx Taxes Paid to Support Community in 2017



Aurora Airport approx total Taxes Paid Last 28 Years to Community
(approximately \$12,665,980 total)

