

## House Bill 4092

Chair McLain, Vice-Chair Meek and members of the House Transportation Policy Committee

My name is Tony Holt. I'm President of the homeowners association in Charbonneau, representing over 2,000 residents, living 2 miles from Aurora Airport and directly under the flight path of arriving jets and many on take-off. More importantly, I was on the Planning Advisory Committee for the last Master Plan. Also, for some 10 years I have participated in the Airport's PAAM meetings—an organization by the way that was started in order to build relationships with surrounding communities.

Our concern is 'PROCESS', or more correctly the lack of it, because over the years we have been let down as far as Aurora Airport process is concerned. We suffer the over-flights but our City and our County have been excluded from the Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA). It's hard to believe, but the IGA map indicates the northern Aurora Airport impact zone stops at the Airport fence!

Another process letdown example---at the March 2011 meeting of the Aviation Board, ODA presented as their 'Preferred Alternative' that there be 'No Extension' of the runway at Aurora. To everyone's surprise, there is no mention of that in the Board minutes of the meeting! But the Oregonian and Woodburn Independent DID report it. Whoever 'cherry picked' the minutes did a poor job because they left in the following-- "Mr Holt remarked that from what he had seen so far, he liked the Preferred Alternative Plan". But no Preferred Alternative Plan presentation is mentioned elsewhere. Three weeks later ODA was forced by the Aviation Board to change its recommendation and support a runway extension

Let me rebut two important fallacies frequently mentioned by the bill's proponents:

- 1) "The runway extension has been approved" The FAA has not approved an extension of the runway—in fact right now it is considering whether to fund a consultant study to see if an extension is justified---so there is no rush and plenty of time to go through the proper land used process. The extension approval from the FAA needs to come first.
- 2) "All this was discussed in the last Master Plan" These matters were vaguely discussed in the Master Plan. But that was 10 years ago! 10 years is a very long time and much has changed. We need a new public process.

Please do not support this covert attempt by special interests to avoid a proper transparent conditional use process. Our local governments, farmers and our citizens really deserve better. Let's get the stakeholders together and go through that proper process. That way we will all know the specifics of what land is being requested, the location of it, the uses it will be put to and what the impacts will be.

Please do not pass HB 4092 out of this committee

Thank you!

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