

Chair McLain & Members of the House Committee on Transportation Policy

I was pleased to be given the opportunity to testify before your Committee last Friday. Thank you.

I should like to stress that our community is not opposed to Aurora Airport per se nor to development that is approved after going through the proper conditional use or other established means, where all stakeholders have an opportunity to participate in a public process.

What we do oppose is developers trying to avoid that process by running to the legislature to tell you how urgent it is to get approvals without going through the usual channels. In this case at least, such a claim is unwarranted because a runway extension has not been approved by the FAA.

HB 4092 is a bill proposed by the main hangar developer at Aurora and other businesses, not by the Oregon Department of Aviation. However great or small is the area of land being requested and to whatever purpose that land is to be used, subverting the land use process and setting the awful precedent of the legislature rewarding those who do, is what we strongly oppose.

Please oppose this special interests' HB 4092 bill that does just that.

Thank you

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