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Chair Susan McLain
House Committee on Transportation Policy
900 Court St. NE
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Subject: House Bill 4092

Dear Rep McLain and members of the committee,

At the public hearing on HB 4092 on the 9th of February, a couple of questions came up regarding the Aurora State Airport and Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) role in land use. Here are responses to those issues.

1. Question from Representative Salinas: Does Oregon land use laws apply to the Oregon Department of Aviation? Answer: Yes, ODA is required to comply with Oregon land use laws. The agency has recently updated its land use agreement, (State Agency Coordination (SAC)) with both DLCD and DOJ. It has been approved by the Oregon Aviation Board.
2. Question from Mike Iverson (farmer): Keil Road is a key farm road. Closure of Keil Road will cause farmers and their equipment to go extra distance via Ehlen Road putting additional wear and tear on their equipment. Answer: If and when Keil Road is closed, ODA is open to creating a farm and emergency equipment only gravel road around the perimeter of the runway safety area outside the fence for the convenience of agriculture and emergency response units.

If committee members have any questions, I can be reached at 503-378-2340.

Respectfully,

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Director