



April 12, 2019

Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair  
Representative Paul Holvey, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
900 Court Street NE,  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 5005, Support for Oregon Department of Aviation Bonding Request

Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of emergency preparedness bonding in HB 5005.

The Oregon Airport Management Association (OAMA) is a nonprofit trade association of 81 members representing 22 airports of the 97 Statewide public use airports. OAMA's mission is to provide leadership, direction and education on aviation issues in the State of Oregon. OAMA's objectives include the prioritization of public safety and welfare and supporting the value and benefits of adequate aviation facilities. HB 5005 supports these objectives.

Oregon's extensive aviation system is an important asset during times of emergency or natural disaster. Airports allow emergency rescue crews to quickly access remote areas, supply resources to those areas, or evacuate areas that may otherwise be inaccessible via other modes of transportation.

OAMA respectfully asks for your support of \$10.2 million in general obligation bonds for the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) to fund emergency and resiliency infrastructure at airports in Oregon. HB 5005 allocates resources to ODA to assist airports in purchasing needed preparedness equipment to better respond to local and regional emergencies or natural disasters.

Thank you in advance for your support of Oregon aviation, emergency preparedness, and our capital construction priorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John T. Barsalou".

John T. Barsalou, A.A.E.  
President