



City of Burns

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Joint Committee on Transportation

Re: House Bill 2402

The Burns Municipal Airport is a general aviation airport. It provides a way for air ambulance to this remove part of eastern Oregon and also shares a SEAT base that protects this area and our community during wildfires.

Without this funding, we cannot do capital improvement projects identified with both the FAA and ODA. We did have several projects planned for the next 5 years, but because of budget restraints those projects will be set back possibly for several years. The project scheduled for 2019 is to replace part of our apron. If the infrastructure is not maintained, our airport will slowly deteriorate.

Please do not let this funding sunset, it is the only way without Connect Oregon that we can make improvements and plan for the future.

Sincerely,

Dauna Wensenk
City Manager