House Bill 2497

Sponsored by Representative NERON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Prohibits expansion of Aurora State Airport unless under intergovernmental agreement of Oregon Department of Aviation, Clackamas County, Marion County, City of Aurora and City of Wilsonville. Sets forth required terms of agreement. Sunsets January 2, 2035.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Aurora State Airport.

Whereas the Aurora State Airport is a state airport operated by the Oregon Department of Aviation; and

Whereas the most recent Aurora Airport Master Plan process has been characterized by problems since it started in 2009; and

Whereas Oregon Solutions raised issues of the department’s lack of staff and capacity in its 2018 Assessment Report requested by the Emergency Board; and

Whereas the Aurora Airport Master Plan is presently the subject of appeals brought by three parties to the Land Use Board of Appeals; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. A public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, may not make a land use decision that would allow an expansion of the runway or other facilities of the Aurora State Airport unless the expansion is consistent with an intergovernmental agreement entered into by the Oregon Department of Aviation, Clackamas County, Marion County, the City of Aurora and the City of Wilsonville that:

(1) Ensures the involvement of any local government within three miles of the airport in land use planning and decision making regarding the expansion of the airport;

(2) Requires the department to adopt a new master plan for the airport consistent with this section;

(3) Describes the process used by the department to adopt the master plan that satisfies ORS 197.180 and the department state agency coordination plan certified by the Department of Land Conservation and Development;

(4) Requires that an environmental impact analysis, including alternative methods for mitigating air pollution attributable to aviation, be completed prior to an expansion of the airport; and

(5) Ensures a plan for the annexation of the airport into the City of Aurora at a future date.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2035.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.