Oregon State Legislature

Representative Jack Zika

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I urge your positive consideration of HB 2402. HB 2402 assists Oregon's network of airports by providing certainty, growth, and sustainability that are needed.

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