

HB 4154 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/10, 2/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to distribute to the La Grande/Union County Airport to expand capacity of the airport's fuel farm. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL - Fiscal statement issued on base measure

REVENUE - No revenue impact on base measure

NOTE - Measure has a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of La Grande Airport in region
- Difficulty in bringing in fuel during fire season

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The La Grande/Union County Airport is located four miles southeast of the City of La Grande in Union County. The facility operates two asphalt runways; the longer of the two is 6,261 feet in length, while the shorter is 3,400 feet long. The facility is staffed by five part-time employees, all of whom are certified aircraft fuel handlers, and operates year-round. The next closest public use airport is Baker City, approximately 40 miles away.