

HB 4154 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 02/17/22

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

House Vote

Yeas: 8 - Boshart Davis, Evans, Lewis, McLain, Nathanson, Noble, Pham, Power

Senate Vote

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Findley, Frederick, Gorsek

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/10, 2/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of La Grande Airport to region
- Difficulty in bringing in fuel during fire season
- Potential seismic vulnerability of airport fuel facilities

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 operates year-round and is staffed by five part-time employees, all of whom are certified aircraft fuel handlers. The next closest public use airport is Baker City, approximately 40 miles away.

House Bill 4154 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 the capacity of the airport's fuel farm.