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To: Joint Committee on Transportation

Oregon Aviation Industries (ORAVI) supports HB3058.

Nearly all of Oregon's 97 public-use airports have the potential to be valuable resources for transporting essential goods, services and people during disaster times when travel by road, boat and rail are not possible. It would be good to know now, which one can be placed into service in times of need.

Assessing and improving airport infrastructure resilience is a positive forward-looking effort to ensure that all our statewide airports are ready for use when needed to get communities back in action following earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, fires, and other natural disasters that may occur. As the Boy Scouts say, "Be Prepared" so that aircraft can "Do a good turn daily" when the call to action occurs.

Sincerely, Gale 'Jake' Jacobs

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