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Measure: HB3058

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek & McLain –

The Oregon Airport Management Association (OAMA) supports HB 3058 and encourages its passage.

Oregon currently has 97 public use airports – 42 owned by local government, 28 owned by the state, 15 private, 9 owned by ports, and three are federally owned.

15 airports are home to air ambulances; 14 have scheduled cargo service; 26 support wildfire suppression.

Oregon is home to 4,500 aircraft and 9,000 licensed pilots.

In other words, Oregon has pre-existing aviation infrastructure that can and should be inventoried for capabilities and for preparation for being called into service in the wake of a natural disaster.

HB 3058 directs the Oregon Department of Aviation to study and report to the Legislature on issues related to airport infrastructure resiliency. This is an important bill as airports will be utilized to support communities in need. This bill will direct ODAV to focus on the issues unique to public-use airports and their ability to assist in response and recovery of communities in distress.

Airports will be a willing and eager partner in these efforts. OAMA supports HB 3058.