

**SCR 2 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The resolution recognizes the Aurora State Airport’s history, geography, role in emergency preparedness and response efforts, and salutes the work of the Aurora Airport Improvement Association.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 The amendment replaces the resolution and includes new whereas clauses. The amendment recommends the Oregon Department of Aviation and State Aviation Board not adopt an expansion plan until the airport and nearby properties have been annexed by the City of Aurora and connected to city water and sewer services. It states the airport should remain a helicopter and drone airport, and states that conversion into an emergency management hub supporting general aviation would be more in the public interest.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Aurora State Airport, located on the east side of Highway 551, north of the city of Aurora and south of Wilsonville, is among Oregon’s busiest airports with over 94,000 annual operations. These operations include regular air ambulance activity. The Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce notes the airport employs 1,200 people, including at heavy-lift helicopter companies, a kit-plane manufacturer, avionics dealer, and life flight air ambulance. The Oregon Department of Aviation is currently working on an airport master plan.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 would recognize the Aurora State Airport’s role in emergency preparedness and response, and salutes the work of the Aurora Airport Improvement Association.