



February 11, 2026

Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
Representative Rob Nosse, Co-Chair
Members of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

Re: SB 5701 – Support for Amendment

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Travel Salem, I write in support of SB 5701 as amended including the \$1.35 million capital funding request for the McNary Field Resiliency and Emergency Capability and Terminal Master Plan.

As the destination marketing and management organization for the Salem region, we recognize the critical role McNary Field plays in supporting economic vitality, emergency preparedness, and regional competitiveness. Investment in resiliency and emergency power capabilities ensures the airport can operate essential infrastructure—airfield lighting, air traffic control, fueling, and terminal services—during catastrophic events, strengthening the Willamette Valley’s disaster response capacity.

Funding for terminal expansion will leverage federal dollars and implement the FAA-approved master plan as commercial air service grows. Reliable and modern air infrastructure supports business development, meetings and events, and visitor access—key drivers of the region’s economy.

The Salem area visitor industry generates significant economic impact and supports thousands of local jobs. Sustaining and expanding air service is essential to maintaining that momentum.

Travel Salem strongly encourages your support of this funding request to ensure long-term resiliency and economic opportunity for the Willamette Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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