

From: Richard Benson
Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 10:39
To: THOMAS Alex R <Alex.R.THOMAS@odav.oregon.gov>
Subject: Amendment to SOAR

Greetings Alex,

I found Amendment 738-124-0090 which describes SOAR (State Owned Airports Reserve) would alter the decision making process removing layers of independent oversight and stakeholder input, for pilots Like myself who have been flying in Oregon since 1978. It would give the ODAV Board more political power and influence, reduce transparency and less well-rounded decision making.

All the best, Dr Richard Benson 541389-4523

From: Tom Elting
Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 16:30
To: THOMAS Alex R <Alex.R.THOMAS@odav.oregon.gov>
Subject: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for OAR 738-124 Aviation System Action Program

Alex-

I am a general aviation pilot and hangar my airplane at Mulino.

I am writing to provide input on the proposed rulemaking noted in the subject line.

It is my preference to retain the process whereby SOAR projects are reviewed by ARC (Aviation Review Committee) which is made up of one member from each of the Area Commissions on Transportation chartered by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). With their recommendations, ODAV then proceeds with proposed projects. The proposed revision would mean that ODAV presents the list of SOAR projects directly to the ODAV Board of Directors for review with no ARC involvement. I oppose the proposed revision to the process which would remove layers of independent oversight and stakeholder input as well as reduce transparency in decision making.

Thank you for considering my perspective,

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From: Kirsten
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 14:41
To: THOMAS Alex R <Alex.R.THOMAS@odav.oregon.gov>
Subject: Disagree with Amendment 738-124-0090

It is my understanding this amendment would remove OPA from the review process regarding aviation matters. Since OPA is the single organization representing Oregon GA pilots, I, as a pilot, wholeheartedly disagree with the amendment. It is imperative OR GA pilots continue to have voice in issues potentially affecting them.

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From: Stan Swan <
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 11:05
To: THOMAS Alex R <Alex.R.THOMAS@odav.oregon.gov>
Subject: Changes to the SOAR Request and Approval Process

Mr. Thomas,

I write today to object to the adoption of change [OAR 738-124](#). The change as written will prevent the input from the ARC and any other interested party and as such should not be adopted.

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From: Legislative Affairs - Becky
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 10:56
To: THOMAS Alex R <Alex.R.THOMAS@odav.oregon.gov>
Subject: Rule Making Changes

Mr. Thomas,

I am writing to you on behalf of the membership of the Oregon Pilots Association (OPA). In reviewing the Proposed Rulemaking 738-124-0090(2), the amendment states that the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV) presents the list of SOAR projects directly to the ODAV Board of Directors for review with no ARC involvement. The upside of this change would be the possibility of streamlining the system. The downside(s) are that it would alter the decision-making process removing layers of independent oversight and stakeholder (such as OPA) input. It would give the ODAV Board more political power and influence, reduce transparency and allow less well-rounded decision making. OPA proposes that 738-124-0090(2) remain as it was originally written with no changes.

Thank you for your time!

Becky Breckenridge
Oregon Pilots Association
Director of Legislative Affairs



hold for ASAP OAR public hearing

External

B I arrived late and I'm not hearing any audio

Shelley Humble (External) was invited to the meeting.

Shelley Humble (External) 10:23 AM

SH I'm not hearing any audio

Bruce (Unverified) 10:23 AM

B I heard your brief messages but not the meeting? My comment is that I believe it is very important to ODAV to receive airport user and airport business input on any significant issues.

Shelley Humble (External) 10:23 AM

SH I can hear you.



Bruce (Unverified) 10:24 AM

B Thank you. I would like to hear a repeat please.

Shelley Humble (External) 10:28 AM

SH Am I to understand that with the changes the Board can change the prioritization without regard to the ARC findings and/or they can insert "pet" projects as their priority?

Thanks for the clarification.



I would like to go on the record to state the importance of the ASAP program and the need to continue the funding for this program. I also would like to agree that it is important that ODAV receive all airport user and airport business input on any significant issues.

Thanks.

Bruce (Unverified) 10:33 AM

B Thank you. With the historic large ODAV investments in items like airline service at SLE and with the current huge need for airport maintenance, I appreciate your thoughtful prioritization.