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Public Comment	I strongly urge the Oregon Department of Aviation to protect funding for Pacific City State Airport and Oregon's other small state-owned airports. These airports provide far more than convenience for local pilots-they are critical pieces of public safety and emergency infrastructure. The state should protect essential airport services and safety infrastructure, honor existing airport improvement commitments, and consult directly with airport users and local communities before making major funding or operational decisions. Where budgets are constrained, ODA should also create opportunities for aviation volunteers and local organizations to reduce costs through public-private partnerships rather than allowing these valuable facilities to deteriorate or close. As a military pilot, I understand firsthand the importance of maintaining a network of small, accessible airports. Airports such as Pacific City can provide critical options during emergencies, aircraft diversions, natural disasters, wildfire response, search and rescue, and other situations when access by air may be essential. Once an airport is lost, replacing it is extraordinarily difficult and expensive. Oregon should develop a sustainable, long-term strategy for its state-owned airports that recognizes their value as transportation and emergency infrastructure and ensures they remain safe, operational, and available for future generations.
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