

## RE: Pierce/Thurston County Airport Concerns

Good morning,

Thank you for reaching out to Rep. Barkis regarding the proposed greenfield location for a new airport in Pierce or Thurston County.

Rep. Barkis has heard from many constituents on this issue and shares your concerns. An airport of this size would come with significant infrastructure barriers, damage the environment, and displace many people from their homes. He recognizes the capacity issues brought forth by the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission, but does not believe the Thurston, Pierce County East or Central locations are right for this development.

He also does not believe that adequate time and community engagement have been considered. He plans to sign on to a bill that will direct the CACC to widen the search for a new airport and further study expansion of current airports. The pandemic created problems for the CACC to do its work and meet the deadline. The legislature must listen to the people and do its due diligence moving forward.

Best regards,

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