



AERONAUTICAL BOARD RESOLUTION 2016-04

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MULTI-YEAR FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) REAUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION AND FAA PARTICIPATION IN REMOTE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER DEVELOPMENT, BUT OPPOSING EFFORTS TO PRIVATIZE OR OTHERWISE SEPARATE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FROM FAA AS PROPOSED IN H.R. 4441, THE AVIATION INNOVATION, REFORM AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2016.

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has acknowledged that there exists a need to promote the safe operation and accessibility of general aviation and intrastate commercial aviation in this state; that improvement of general aviation and intrastate commercial aviation transportation facilities will promote diversified economic development across the state; and that accessibility to airport facilities for residents of this state is crucial in the event of a medical or other type of emergency (C.R.S. 43-10-101); and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Aeronautical Board (Board) is charged with establishing policies for the growth and development of aviation in the state (C.R.S. 43-10-105 (1) (d)); and

WHEREAS, Colorado's system of 74 public use airports, including 60 public use general aviation airports are critical to the transportation, economic development, emergency response and other needs of communities of all sizes across Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the recent practice of reauthorizing FAA through multiple short term continuing resolutions has created financial, construction and administrative inefficiencies for Colorado airport projects, underscoring the need for consistent, multi-year funding of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) and its Airport Improvement Program, which is critical to the efficient maintenance, improvement and future development of Colorado's airport system; and

WHEREAS, the Board has demonstrated its policy and financial support for innovative and groundbreaking new air traffic control technologies, as evidenced by the Board's partnership with FAA on the remote air traffic control demonstration project at the Fort Collins/Loveland Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that oversight, regulation and further development of our nation's Air Traffic Control system is best accomplished by maintaining FAA and Congressional oversight rather than transferring control to a private board or entity which might have authority over funding mechanisms, taxes and fees- functions best administered by the FAA, which is a governmental body whose direct oversight by Congress best insures its efficiency, responsiveness, and accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Colorado Aeronautical Board hereby expresses its support of multi-year FAA Reauthorization, increased AIP funding, and FAA participation in remote air traffic control tower programs as provided for in H.R. 4441, but stridently opposes any effort to privatize or otherwise separate air traffic control functions from FAA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Director of the Division of Aeronautics to execute any instruments necessary to effectuate and communicate this Resolution.

RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of February, 2016 in Watkins, Colorado

Ray Beck, Chairman
Colorado Aeronautical Board

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