74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 139 B CARRIER: CONSENT

House Committee on Workforce and Economic Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and be placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Dallum, Girod, Holvey, Lim, Riley, Witt

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Exc.: Barnhart

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Meeting Dates: 3/16, 5/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires operators of public use airports in Oregon to notify the Oregon Department of Aviation 180 days prior to permanent closure of the airport.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Closures within last five years
- Reason for (original) reduction from 180 to 120 days
- Definition of public use
- Businesses that rely upon airports

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes 120 days to 180.

BACKGROUND: Air transportation networks rely heavily upon the existence of public use airports because they provide a consistent and reliable source of ground support.

Of the 97 public-use airports in Oregon: 15 are privately owned, 28 are state owned, and the remainder are owned by cities (30), counties (9), port districts (11), airport districts (1), or the federal government (2). Another approximately 350 private-use airports are located in the state and would not be affected by the bill.