

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 6 - 0 - 2
Yeas: Beyer, Nathanson, Smith J., Weidner, Bentz, Read
Nays: 0
Exc.: Lindsay, Sheehan
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Meeting Dates: 4/1, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to allow for unmanned aircraft testing in rural areas.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Spur economic growth in rural areas
- Oregon has a competitive advantage
- Could bring drone industry to Central Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Reduces the requested time for approval to two years.

BACKGROUND: Unmanned aircraft are currently prohibited from operating in general airspace. Allowing testing in rural areas would increase the desirability of unmanned aircraft manufactures to operate in Oregon.