



Senate Judiciary Committee Testimony on SB 71

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Chair Prozanski, members of the committee...

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.

My Name is Gregg Marshall. I reside in Gresham, OR

I am here before you today as a citizen of the State of Oregon and as the representative of the SkyKnights Radio Control Club of Portland, Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Club # 707.

The SkyKnights have been an AMA club since 1963 with thousands of members since that time and are steeped in tradition. We boast of the most recent Oregonian to be inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame. Annually we host several regional events that draw pilots from around the western states and are extremely active in local community events hosted by organizations such as the Optimist Club, the Boy Scouts, East County Neighborhood Associations and more. We provide free training for new pilots, host an indoor flying site during the fall and winter months and host the Annual Pearl Harbor Day whereby we remember that fateful day and generate donations for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Last evening, March 19, 2013, I received the most recent version of Senate Bill 71, known as SB 71-6. We thank this committee for their understanding of the differences between "Drones" and Model Aircraft and for your work to make this distinction as stated in Section 1 (2).

We do, however, read the proposed amendments to still include vague areas. We ask that SB 71-6 be further modified to declare a definitive exclusion of all Model Aircraft. By example, Section 5 (3) and Section 7 (5) state " The provisions of this section do not apply to a model airplane that is being operated in a lawful manner".

We submit modifying Section 1 (2) to include the language mentioned above as follows:

Section 1 (2) 'Model airplane' means a model aircraft as defined in section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-95) as in effect on the effective date of this 2013 Act and all provisions of this 2013 Act do not apply to a model airplane that is being operated in a lawful manner.

By including this language, this committee further clarifies the distinction between Drones and Model Aircraft and removes ambiguity.

We thank you for your commitment to protecting and preserving the modeling community and its innumerable benefits to the citizens of Oregon.

Thank you for your time. I am happy to answer any questions.

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