



OREGON PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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Honorable Chairman Clem and Committee Members,

I'm Mary Rosenblum, president of the Oregon Pilots Association, part owner of a private airstrip in Canby, Oregon, and a member of the Oregon Aviation Board. I'm speaking to you today in support of HB2038. This bill adds aviation activities to the list of recreational activities already covered by ORS 105.672. This bill simply removes liability concerns from the shoulders of landowners like myself, should an uninvited pilot choose to land on our strip and suffer an accident. It does not permit people to use private land without permission, but encourages private land owners to open their land to recreational activities without fear of legal consequences. This benefits the citizens of our state, who wish to enjoy Oregon's beautiful lands.

While the Aviation Board has not, at this time, taken a formal position on HB2038, it supported the previous incarnation of this bill that was introduced in the 2013 session. I assume that the Aviation Board will support it again in 2015.

As a pilot, this bill will increase the recreational opportunities open to pilot citizens as private landowners choose to permit some of us to land on their strips to hike, fish, or simply picnic in some of Oregon's beautiful countryside, freed of concerns about liability.

It is a win-win for landowners and recreational pilots and will expand the use of Oregon's lands for its citizens. Recreational use statutes of this type are already in place and have worked well in Washington and many other rural western states.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Rosenblum".

Mary Rosenblum
President Oregon Pilots Association